Volunteering at St. Mark: Many Hands Make Light Work

Volunteerism, another word for serving, is the foundation of St. Mark and it is volunteers who have spent countless hours ensuring that God’s work is being done from teaching Sunday school, to making coffee in the Fellowship Hall, to helping with Fall and Spring cleanup and the needy through PADS; the list could consume many more paragraphs. Throughout the years, St. Mark has been blessed with many dedicated volunteers, but we need more. We want volunteers to continue to be involved in helping His kingdom and St. Mark move forward. Over the years, many of the ideas that have strengthened this church have come from volunteers and we want to continue this trend.

When we first joined St. Mark, the church was supported by groups of volunteers from washing windows to cutting the grass. Over the years, this has changed to paying for the work to be done. I have been told that volunteers were instrumental in completing the new sanctuary when money was short. When people work together for a common good, it’s like a family that cheerfully does chores and projects together. Not everything requires a long-term commitment, some things might be a few hours one day. Just like we need everyone in our families at home to take care of something, even just one thing, it’s part of being a family. We want our church family to be all-inclusive!

From the early 1300’s English proverb we learn that, “Many hands make light work.” Large tasks become small when divided among several people. More helpers make a task easier, and a few more hands will lighten the burden for everyone.

While we have numerous dedicated, long-term volunteers, there are not enough to meet our ongoing and future needs. We need more! Property and Management could use more members, as could each committee. The Evangelism committee especially needs help with the Organic Outreach ministry. Ushers are needed for Easter, Christmas and other special services. Additional volunteers for our music program, especially knowledge of the sound board, would be a blessing. Craftsmen are needed to help with necessary repairs to the church. Members with office skills would add depth to the volunteers who currently serve. Yes, we need volunteers, including our youth, for both ongoing and special projects. No experience necessary; if needed, we will train you!

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Next Council Meeting: April 9th at 7:00 pm in the Library. Next Committee Meeting: April 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Main Building. All Council and Committee meetings are open to the congregation. Please feel free to attend!

Serve The Lord With All Your Heart
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Dear Friends,

What a thrill it was to represent St. Mark at the installation of Pastor Matt Shields in Flanagan, Illinois. The church itself is gorgeous, a large brick edifice with the parsonage connected to the church. The Shield family will be living in the parsonage. It is a tight-knit rural community; which means the church is often at the center of people’s social lives. There is a large number of young children at the church. The best part of the service, in my opinion, was hearing Pastor Shields preach again. Of course, he started with an Ole and Lena story and yes, he got a big laugh.

It hit me during the service that it would be so nice for all of St. Mark to hear Pastor Shields again and see Lisa. We discussed switching pulpits for one weekend. Pastor Shields will preach here, and I will preach at his church in Princeton. A date has not been set yet but once it is, we will announce the time and date for all to be here.

I do hope you are enjoying the spiritual disciplines for Lent as well as the Wednesday night services. The book, “Organic Outreach For Ordinary People,” is the finest book I have ever read of how to reach out to people who do not know Christ. The purpose of the book is to encourage, to build you up, to set you free to use your God-given spiritual gifts and personality to touch lives for the sake of Jesus Christ. Some of the most effective ways are the most simple. Praying for the lost is one of the most important activities we do for outreach.

Ultimately it is the Lord Jesus who gives us a heart for the lost. Only Jesus can save a soul. Only Jesus can draw people to worship Him. God wants to save every soul in our town, county, state, and nation. Yesterday it hit me that a good prayer for the lost is to ask the Lord Jesus to help every person quit resisting the Holy Spirit. “Lord Jesus, please help all those who do not know you to quit resisting the Holy Spirit.” And then you can apply that prayer to the three people you are praying for this Lent who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter is on the way, the highlight of the church year. May the Lord use all of us this Lent, to reach people who do not know Jesus, to come to faith in Jesus Christ and be saved for all eternity.

God Bless,

Pastor Terry Breum
MISSOURI MUSINGS
BY BOB YARBROUGH

Staying in Shape

We should all try to exercise on a regular basis. Along with diet, vigorous daily physical activity is key to long-term health.

But it can be hard to do in winter. The cold and the cutting wind tempt us to stay inside. Snow-clogged or icy streets discourage driving to the fitness center. Slick sidewalks deter us from walking, much less cycling.

Derek Jeter (the former Yankees shortstop) is among many who have said, “It’s easier to stay in shape than get in shape.” That truth prods me to get out and get moving even during winter’s chill.

This holds true for spiritual fitness, too. We can get out of shape spiritually. What are some symptoms? Here are just five: (1) failing to pray, (2) not reading our Bible on a daily basis, (3) falling into patterns of disobedience, (4) staying home from church when we know we should be there, and (5) not giving generously and methodically to the Lord’s work.

Put positively, God calls us to lives of regular prayer, daily Bible reading, consistent obedience, faithful church attendance, and meaningful giving. Those are far from the whole of Christian discipleship. But they sketch a healthy foundation.

Scripture reminds us that the grace of God has appeared in Jesus Christ, “training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age” (Titus 2:12).

That sounds like living life “in shape” and not lazily.

Or as Scripture says in another place, “Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:7–8).

Paul wrote, “I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:27).

That’s intense! But isn’t God worth our serious attention and full engagement?

Spring will soon be in the air. Outdoor exercise will get easier. On the spiritual side, Lent is upon us. It’s a great time to take heart and pursue those daily exercises that we know honor God and strengthen our souls.

Because it’s easier to stay in shape than get in shape.
To help our members better understand church Council decisions we will continue to publish highlights of our meetings. Our goal is to keep you informed so you have the opportunity to share any concerns with us. Should you desire additional in-depth information on our meetings, please go to www.smilc.info/minutes or contact Cliff Ewert at cewert41@aol.com.

News from the March 12, 2019 Meeting:
Joni Wasmund updated the Council on the PraiseMoves© ministry. She reported that we have many enthusiastic members and four persons have expressed interest in leading this new ministry.

Cliff Ewert reported that additional information is needed to have joint Council and Committee meetings on the same evening. A number of suggestions have been made to help everyone meet and work together.

A new agenda item was “St. Mark, our future;” which will be a topic for the remainder of the year so we can continually address the needs of our congregation in the coming years.

The Council approved adding Spotless Cleaning to the approved vendor list.

The Council accepted the resignation of Tabra Gomski from Worship and Music and expressed their appreciation for her dedication and work.

The Council approved the list of students presented by Pastor Breum for confirmation on May 5, 2019.

The Council also approved the audit committee to review the 2018 financial records.

The meeting was adjourned with reflective time and the Lord’s Prayer.

“Cliff’s Notes” continued from page 1

Sometimes we forget that volunteering is discipleship. People grow spiritually by volunteering and living to serve His kingdom. There is joy in loving people and giving back. Finally, Jesus commands us to serve others. When you volunteer, you are being obedient to what Jesus has called us to do.

Mark 9:35: “And He sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, if anyone be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” Are we listening to His call?

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Elder or Trustee in charge of a committee or project. (Elder and Trustee contact information is listed on page 2 of this issue.)

You can also contact me at cewert41@aol.com.

Grand Avenue Construction Begins!


The improvement of Grand Avenue from Munn Rd. to Deerpath Dr. has begun and will continue through November, 2020! The speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph even when workers are not present! The speed limit will be photo-enforced! Fines for speeding in a construction zone are a minimum of $375 for the first offense and a minimum of $1000 for the second offense. All communication devices must be hands-free or in voice-operated mode. The fine for the first offense is $75.

*Please note that at times traffic will be unable to turn left into or out of the church parking lot, so it will be necessary to go to the next light and turn around. Delays due to lane closures are expected, so please figure this in to your commuting times!*
Lenten Soup Suppers & Services

Wednesdays, April 3rd & 10th
Soup and Sandwiches served 5:30-6:45 pm
Services 7:00 pm

During the season of Lent, we will gather to reflect on Christ’s life, his sacrifice, and his resurrection. Soups and desserts will be donated, and the sandwich fixings and drinks will be provided. A free-will donation will be taken. Moms (and dads) this is one night you don’t have to worry about getting supper for your family! Be sure to join us for food and fellowship and stay for worship! If you would like to volunteer to bring soup, or to help serve on one of the Wednesday nights, please sign up in the Narthex.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday: April 18th 7:00 pm
Good Friday: April 19th 3:00 pm (Traditional) 7:00 pm (Tenebrae)

Please note there are no services on Saturday, April 20th

Easter Services Sunday, April 21st

6:00 am Traditional
9:00 am Traditional
11:00 am Contemporary

Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 21st

7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

We will be hosting an Easter breakfast between our sunrise service at 6 am and the next service at 9 am. We will be serving scrambled eggs (traditionally scrambled by our male members), hash brown casserole and sausages. We ask our members to contribute items ranging from juice, creamer, coffee, baked goods and individual servings of fruit. There will be sign up sheets near the Welcome Center counter.

As always, we can use some volunteer help with set up and clean-up. I know the ushers will be requesting additional help, and there will be the positioning of the donated Easter lilies (order form on page 15). So there will be lots of opportunities for involvement in this glorious time of year. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Blessings,

Gae Michal at gmichal48@gmail.com
April 7th
Bowling and Easter Egg Pack
3:30-5:00

For April we will be focusing on the gift of redemption.

April 14th
Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 AM
Youth Group 6:30 PM

Through Christ we have received an unlimited means of grace, forgiveness and life.

April 28th
Senior Recognition and 8th Grade Welcome at Youth Group! 6:30 PM

In Christ we have been made new! Let us strive to live daily with this perspective.

Prayer Requests

"That our First Communion students grow closer in their relationship with God."

"That God would equip and raise up leaders to serve our youth and families."
On March 12th, The Council approved the following students for confirmation at St. Mark.

† Amya Pearl Appelt, daughter of Ryan and Lisa Appelt
† Daniel J. Bachinger, son of Ralph and Julie Bachinger
† Caleb Aidan Barnes, son of David and Karen Barnes
† Abby Lynn Bergl, daughter of Dennis and Donna Bergl
† Niva Ruth Doty, daughter of Rich and Shonda Doty
† Nicholas Enrico Gregori, son of Eric and Kelly Gregori
† Emily Rachel Hawkins, daughter of Daniel and Jennifer Hawkins
† Joshua Tyler Hawkins, son of Daniel and Jennifer Hawkins
† Paige Riley Hiles, daughter of Rob and Katie Hiles
† Keith G. Hill, son of Greg and Maria Hill
† Alexander Ryan McGill, son of Ryan and Karissa McGill
† Colin Ryan Shea, son of Brendan and Jori Shea
† Emma Rae Silk, daughter of Michael and Kandi Silk

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare their hearts and minds for this next step in their faith journey.

Important 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Updates!

It’s hard to believe we are just 1 month away from Confirmation Sunday! The Confirmation Committee is preparing for the big day. Here are some important dates for parents, students, prayer pals, and the congregation:

- No class: April 17th
- Holy Week: Attend services with your family
- All requirements and Statement of Faith paper due: April 21st (Second year students only)
- Final night of class: April 24th (All students)
- Student interviews: April 29th & 30th (Second year students only)
- Confirmation rehearsal and reception: May 1 at 6:15 pm (Second year students only)
- Confirmation service: Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 pm
Volunteer Information:

- **Sign up**: Email Kayla Weidner at WeidnerKM22@uww.edu
- **Crew Leaders**: Must be 7th grade or older.
- **Station Assistants**: Must be 7th grade or older.
- **Station Leaders**: Must be 18 or older.
  
  *(Anyone 18 or older must have background check turned in by May 31st.)*

- **Important volunteer dates below**

  - **Background Checks**: (Kayla will inform you if you need one) due by May 31st.
  - **VBS Rally Sunday**: May 19th. Come join in with the whole congregation and get excited about this summer’s VBS!
  - **Volunteer Training Dates**: June 2nd and 9th at 9:30 am in back Sunday school room*
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**Donation Information:**

*One of the reasons VBS at St. Mark is such a wonderful program is the donations and support from our members! Thank you for helping continue the tradition of excellence!*

- **Gladly accepting monetary donations in the envelopes located in the pews.**
- **Food Donations**: A list of food items will be posted on the bulletin boards for snacks. You may sign up to donate a snack. *(Please drop off donations at church by June 9th.)*

*Wow that was a lot of information! If you have any questions, please email Kayla: WeidnerKM22@uww.edu*

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**Church Camp Incentive Program**

Does your child love being outdoors? Does he or she enjoy swimming, boating, hiking, archery, horseback riding, making crafts, singing fun songs, and making new friends? Did you know they can do ALL of that while developing a deeper relationship with Jesus and praising His name?

The Parish Education Committee has created an incentive program to help your child, grades 2 – 12 (effective for the 2019-2020 school year), earn money toward their church camp fees! Basically, your child will have 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. Look for the Church Camp info table to sign up. A list of incentives and their point values will be available at that time. **DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL POINTS: MAY 1.**

**FINANCIAL SPONSORS NEEDED!** As with any program, financial support is always needed. If you feel called to donate to the Church Camp Incentive Program, please write “Church Camp Fund” on your check or offering envelope. Your gifts will be truly appreciated. Please contact Kandi Silk (ksilk@Royal-Travel.com) with any questions.

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PraiseMoves® is an exciting new ministry we eagerly anticipate bringing to St. Mark but we need a certified instructor!

PraiseMoves® has the Word of God as its foundation, scriptures from the Bible that are meditated upon while doing gentle stretching, weight-bearing/strengthening postures as well as deep diaphragmatic breathing. The foundation scripture of PraiseMoves® is 1 Corinthians 6:20, “For you were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit, which are God’s.”

If you would like to learn more about becoming certified to teach PraiseMoves® workouts, please contact Joni Wasmund at Joni1812@sbcglobal.net.

It’s that time of year again! Time to go to [www.behindthewalls.com](http://www.behindthewalls.com) and sign up for the April 27th event at Cook County Jail and Cook County Juvenile Detention Center. We are doing 3 programs at Cook County Jail. One will be in the gym, the same as last year, but we also have the opportunity to send men into the men’s pods and women into the women’s pods. In addition, we will do programs on the rooftop at Cook County Juvenile and will be able to send teammates to the pods there as well.

We are not going to St. Charles this year so we could consolidate all the activities in the area of the jail. The Equip and Ignite on April 26th will be held at New Life Community Church on Keeler Avenue in Chicago. The pastor of this church is Mark Jobe who was just chosen as the new president of Moody Bible Chapel. They have graciously decided to partner with us and advertise the event in all of their 22 sites in the Chicago area. This is a great opportunity and will go a long way to further the Bill Glass ministry in this area.

While you are at the web site, please sign up for the June 27th event at Waukegan, Racine and Milwaukee. the Equip and Ignite for that event is June 26th and will be held at Village Church in Gurnee.

Thank you in advance for your faithful service to the Lord with the least of these!!!

Questions? Please contact Jeff McKenzie at lorijeff@hotmail.com.
It takes 12 people every Friday night to staff The St. Mark PADS Site. 

PADS ministry opportunities begin Friday evening and continue into Saturday morning.

We need VOLUNTEERS of all ages (especially adults over 18) for the 2019-20 season!

Please sign up on the St. Mark website at smlc.info.

Scroll to the bottom of the homepage, and click on the PADS square where you will be directed to the opportunities to serve.

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Spring Is Here!!!!!
Hope You Are Done!

The weather is warming and soon we are all going to want to be outside enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. We are hoping you spent this last month doing a scavenger hunt around your house for all those unneeded treasures you are going to donate to the rummage sale. The sale is only four months away and you do not want to be stressing out trying to gather all your donations at the last minute. We will need all your energy to help us set up and run the sale. Set up will start the end of July and the sale is August 8th, 9th and 10th.

We have a new challenge this year as they will be working on redoing Grand Ave. This will make it hard for us, donators and shoppers to get in and out. It will also make it a little harder for people to read our signs on the church property, so we need everyone’s help advertising the sale this year. Please also remember to be saving computer paper boxes. We always have lots of leftovers so if you know any groups that could use some please let us know. For now, finish that clean out, mark your calendars and plan to join us for lots of fun and fellowship and yes, work!

See you then,
Laurie Kerns, Mary Anderson and Sue DeYoung.

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Hi to all who enjoy our Fellowship Hour after the 8AM service or before Sunday School… and to those who have never joined us, please consider stopping in!

This is a terrific time to meet other members of St. Mark, enjoy a cup of coffee (decaf or regular) with various flavors of cream, most days… and (the BEST part)… donuts (from CJ’s Café & Bakery in Zion)!

Mugs & Muffins

Ladies, please join us Saturday, April 13th at 9:00AM for beverages, muffins, and fellowship.
As always, bring a mug and a friend and we will provide the rest!
mugsandmuffins.smlc@gmail.com

Save the Date!
Rummage Sale 2019
August 8th, 9th & 10th

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We have a core of dedicated volunteers who have taken every week except the 1st Sunday of each month. I would like to see someone volunteer for either each 1st Sunday or one random Sunday. If you have ever hosted a get together at your house, you are qualified! It is really pretty simple… and I will gladly give you some “training.” It just requires getting the coffee started before the 8AM service, pouring juice, and getting the materials set out that are needed for the coffee time. It may take about 30-45 minutes to do, unless there are two or more of you… then much less time. The only thing we ask the coffee person to contribute is the juice.

Any questions, catch me in the kitchen doing coffee, give me a call, or email me at gmic34@gmail.com.

Thanks for considering this fun ministry. Blessings!

Gae Michal
Serving God Through Prayer

Father, I am asking for a clearer vision of the blessings of obedience and the pain of disobedience so that I will fear You, hope in You and depend on You. Grant me wisdom from the Word and the desire to renew my mind in Your timeless truth. Let my love and service of others be an expression of my love and service to You. Amen and Amen.

Opportunities for Prayer

The Worship and Music Committee has posted the 2019 Three Days of Prayer Brochure on the St. Mark website under Resources. We prayerfully request you include these various petitions as part of your devotions for our church families, Pastor, staff, church council and committees and for the life of the world during this church year.

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Come, pray and be blessed. 7:30 pm Tuesday evenings

Contacts: Pam and Charlie Burke

Please join the prayer group for worship in song, testimony reports, and prayer requests. Feel free to participate for either all or part of the hour. One can pray silently, out loud or in concert. We pray in unity of the Holy Spirit from St. Mark’s weekly prayer chain list, the Three Days of Prayer brochure and we lift concerns for our community, state, nation and worldwide. “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)

Lent

“Please pray daily during Lent for three people who do not know Jesus, praying daily that they will come to know the Lord. ...” from Pastor Breum’s 2019 Lenten disciplines.

National Day of Prayer: May 2, 2019

The theme for this year’s National Day of Prayer is “Love One Another.” There is a Prayer Guide, “How to Pray for America to Love One Another” in pdf format for download for $2.99. 

This resource equips you to and encourages you to fervently pray for love and the seven centers of influence: government, church, military, family, education, media arts, and business. You can use this guide to cover our nation in prayer throughout the year.

30 Days of Prayer during Ramadan: Monday, May 6 to June 4, 2019

For more detailed information, please see separate announcement for 30 Days of Prayer on page 14.

Please contact Barb Ewert for more information. B1182ray@aol.com

What’s on the Shelf?

A Woman God Can Use

By Alice Mathews

This month’s selection is for the ladies. Since the beginning of time, women have faced challenges in making wise decisions and balancing priorities. Even today, the issues remain the same. Alice Mathews examines the lives of several women from the Old Testament—their struggles, their choices, and their relationship with God. Building off these examples, A Woman God Can Use highlights the faith and courage that allows you to make wise choices—to be used by God for His glory. You can find this book under call number 220.9 MAT.

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A mighty spiritual battle has and is continuing to rage between Christians and Muslims for hearts, minds and souls worldwide. Jesus is calling for prayer warriors of all ages to pray for the lost in the Muslim world. Are you Listening? How will you respond?

**Praying with other Christian Churches!** Join other Christians worldwide for the twenty-sixth year for a focused 30 Days of Prayer for our Muslim neighbors. For a fourth year St. Mark Church will provide "30 Days of Prayer" prayer booklets with 1) prayer points, 2) a focus on specific Muslim culture groups from Africa, the Middle East to South East Asia and 3) facts about the unprecedented historical spiritual transformation of Muslims to followers of Christ.

What difference can my prayers make? Prayer is one of two offensive weapons, the other is the Word of God. (Ephesians 6:18)

"The single most significant thing Christians have done to stimulate the current wave of Muslim movements to Christ is to prayerfully and obediently engage them with the love and gospel of Christ. This remains the most significant step each of us can take today." Wind the House of Islam, Garrison, David, 2014.

**When Do I Pray?** May 6 to June 4, 2019 during Ramadan, the Muslim season of fasting and praying. As they fast and devote themselves to Islamic rituals, you’re invited to join other Christians in prayer that many Muslims will be drawn into a relationship with Jesus. And if the Holy Spirit prompts you, continue praying for Muslims beyond the season of Ramadan.

**Materials** A limited supply of adult and children 30 Days of Prayer booklets have been ordered and will be available beginning the weekend of April 28-May 5, 2019 until supplies run out; although we will order more if requested. A free-will donation will help offset the cost of the booklets.

Jesus instructed us to "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:39) Pray for them with Faith, Hope and Love!

Contact Barb Ewert, b1182ray@aol.com for any questions.

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**Thrivent Action Team Ideas!**

**Giving to the Homeless:** Host a community-wide “sleep out” where people sleep outside for one night to raise awareness of homelessness and collect donations for a local shelter.

**Seed Money:** Promote your event in a local newspaper or a school program book.

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**Thriving Minds Want to Know...**

What are Thrivent’s most popular workshops, and how do we get a workshop scheduled at our church? Normally our “5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly” is requested the most, but last year our new “US Tax Reform: How it Could Affect You” was at the top of the list. Getting a workshop scheduled is easy, we just need a point person at the church to coordinate the time and topic. For a complete list of workshops see your Thrivent Representative or visit [https://www.thrivent.com/workshops-and-events/small-group-workshops/](https://www.thrivent.com/workshops-and-events/small-group-workshops/) for member-led workshops.

**How much does a retirement plan cost and when should I start?** Our retirement planning is currently free to members of this church. If you’re reading this article, you should consider at least having a “connect meeting.” In the “connect meeting” we get to know each other and determine current state and start figuring out what’s important to you. Then the planning begins. We use Money Guide Pro to create an online plan that we can both interact with and monitor progress. It’s never too early to start planning for the future.

If you have money questions or want help with being wise with money or expressing your generosity, we would love to hear from you. Check with your Thrivent Representative or contact me for more information (Jerry.Doran@thrivent.com, or visit our website at: www.thrivent.com).

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April 2019
Community Fellowship Events

Next Event:
April 9th

These events are a fun way to contribute to the mission of St. Mark! Just dine-in or carry-out or visit the drive-thru.
A portion of your sale benefits our mission here and abroad.

Flyers and coupon available at smlc.info/events.

**COUPON IS REQUIRED AT WENDY'S for St. Mark to receive credit**

Easter Lily Order Form

Please fill out the following form if you would like to place a lily on the altar for Easter Sunday worship 2019.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION!**

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________________

Plant(s) are Given:

_____ To the Glory of God

_____ In Honor of ________________________________________________________

_____ In Memory of ________________________________________________________

_____ On the Occasion of _________________________________________________

_____ Easter Lily(ies) @ $12.00 = $______________

Total Order $______________

_____ I will pick up the plant(s) after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service.

Flowers must be picked up by 4 pm on Wednesday, April 24th.

_____ I would like the plant(s) taken to someone who is ill or shut-in.

I have enclosed my payment of $________________

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Saturday | 5:30 pm
Traditional
Sunday | 8:00 am
Traditional
Sunday | 10:30 am
Contemporary

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