

April 2021

President's Notes



By Joni Wasmund

Thoughts from the Council President

Your church Council is an amazing team of servants who clearly seek God's guidance and wisdom for the future of St. Mark. I'm so thankful for each one of them.

I'm equally thankful for our also-amazing staff and for the volunteers who continue faithfully to serve on committees and give their all to ideas and follow through to the fruition of those ideas to make St. Mark a thriving church home and a beacon to the community.

And I am thankful for each one of you, our St. Mark family.

God has blessed us tremendously with so many who serve with their time, talents and possessions and He just *continues* to do so. We give Him the glory for *all* that is good. And for carrying us through the not-so-good times. He honors the right choices we make during those hard times and we have definitely had to make some. He is faithful and will always carry us through tough times, because that is who He is. He can't be any other.

We're seeing more and more of you each weekend as we worship together, and we can't wait for Easter Sunday when many plan to attend in-person. Attendance will be limited as it was on Christmas Eve so sign up early!

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ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the May edition of *The Voice* is **April 15th**.

Please Email articles to:

stmarkcommunications@gmail.com
& deb@smlc.info



Join us
**Easter
Sunday**
April 4th

6:00AM, 9:00AM and
11:00AM

9:00AM and 11:00AM
services will be Live
Streamed.

Live Streaming is here!



Join us on Sunday at
8:00 and 10:30!



Please pray for our Confirmands as
they continue their faith journey.

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Next Council Meeting: April 13th at 7:00 pm.
Next Committee Meetings: April 27th at 7:00 pm.

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MISSOURI MUSINGS

BY BOB YARBROUGH

Ready for What's Out There?

In times of crisis, people will sometimes start going to church. Or they will seek God, or reach out for spiritual direction, in some other way.

A recent BBC posting (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55419894>) observes that COVID has led people around the world, of all faiths and of no faith, to seek spiritual meaning. The article states:

Just as the anxieties of 2020 have led many to search for greater meaning in their lives, the pandemic has made it easier for people to explore their spirituality, with the move to online religious worship.

If people seek God and find him because of COVID, great!

But a better approach may be to seek God *before* there is crisis. Be ready in advance. Jesus talked about this with the story of the wise man and the foolish man (Matthew 7). They both built houses. But then a storm came. Only one house survived.

The wise man built his house knowing that storms eventually come. Life may be trouble-free today. But everyone faces crisis eventually. Why not prepare for it?

Last night around 8 PM we (the two dogs and I) were on the day's last loop, a half-mile circuit through some pretty wild woods. Up by the old burned down barn, Josie (on her leash) veered off sniffing into the northeast wind. Something was out there in the dark. I dutifully followed the little 40 pound mixed-breed that we are dog-sitting for a year for my son and daughter-in-law. Maybe she smelled a mole and would get rid of it. They tear up the field and our yard.

Dagger (our 100-pound German shepherd) oddly hung back on the main path. Whatever was out there, he wasn't crazy about encountering it.

Josie stopped and stared into the darkness, nostrils flaring. In the distance a siren began to wail on the highway a mile away. I braced for Josie and Wolf to erupt in howling--they always do with sirens. They did.

At the same instant, just a long stone's throw into the woods, so did a number of coyotes. The next 10 seconds was ear-splitting din, my two dogs versus a hungry pack. I wasn't cold, but the eerie squalling gave me chills.

I am confident that if Josie had been off the leash, she would have made a yapping beeline for the coyotes, and they would have welcomed her cruelly. Dagger might have survived due to his native caution. Or maybe his size and imposing bark would have dispersed the coyotes. But probably they would have outnumbered him, and it would have been his last attack.

Here's my point. I have learned that there are things "out there" that it's good to avoid. Josie has a brave fighting spirit, but she is alive because of a leash. It keeps her attached to her source of real protection--me.

For all of us, things lie ahead that are bigger than we are. When times are good, people like to do as they please. But when things go south, we realize how fragile life can be. God is predictable, permanent, and protective. Our lives are exposed to all sorts of hazards that we cannot foresee or control. Who is holding the leash of our lives?

The Bible doesn't talk about leashes for dogs, but how about this: "Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you" (Psalm 32:9).

God offers us Jesus Christ, his Holy Spirit, the written word of God, and other means to guide and protect us by faith. The very next verse of Psalm 32 says, "The LORD'S unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him." Now that's protection!

Through the ages, God's people have learned that what may feel like a leash (or bit, or bridle) is actually a lifeline, connecting us to a God who can sustain us whatever circumstances may throw at us.

How can we avoid the trap of going our own way . . . and then realizing we're a little dog surrounded by coyotes? Here's some wise counsel: "Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22).

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St. Mark Council News

To keep you better informed about Church Council decisions we briefly present the major items from our March 9, 2021 meeting. Should you desire in-depth information, please go to <https://smc.info/minutes/> for additional Council and Committee minutes.

Important decisions from the March Council meeting:

Thirteen volunteers were approved to serve as the 2019 and 2020 Audit Committee:

Jill Decker	Mary Johnson	Laurie Kerns
Terry Knull	Lou Korom	Carin Kveton
Patty Lindholm	Wendy Lord	Pam Preston
Bonnie Wagner	Julie Wetterberg	Lynn Wetterberg
Jill Winling		

This is a high priority function that is critically important for every church to perform but due to COVID, the audit could not be performed last year as church records must stay on site and in-person restrictions prevented volunteers from coming together to review them. We thank each of you for stepping forward and serving in this capacity to catch us up!

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 7:00PM.



**Rummage Sale 2021
Save the Date!
August 5th, 6th & 7th**

It is hard to believe, but the 2021 Rummage Sale is just around the corner. I hope everyone has taken advantage of all the time spent at home this winter and cleaned out all your unneeded treasures and boxed them up for the sale. Collection will start in July. Our hope is that things will be better by then and we can all get together safely to set up and run the sale. We missed many of our friends last year and don't want to do that again. Keep cleaning and look for updated info in future Voices.

Questions call Laurie Kerns 847-612-1510.

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This past year we've missed our fellowship hour and the opportunities to talk about matters on our hearts. It is my prayer that if you have anything you would like me, or a Council member, to be aware of, that you would feel 100% comfortable calling any of us. It's been way too long and going this long without sharing both good and bad can limit us as your Council to know of anything that you love about St. Mark or that might be rubbing you the wrong way that we need to discuss. Everything may not always be fixable, but awareness is critical because if we don't know what you're thinking, we can't move St. Mark forward with respect to your thoughts. Not everyone can commit long term to serving on Council or a committee but I report to all of you so if I don't know what you're thinking, I'm at a disadvantage to the Council serving you well.

We have so many good things coming up to celebrate...

Easter is just a few days away and is *our most important celebration*. *He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!*

Our 60th anniversary is this year and that's *reason to celebrate!*

Our many recipients of benevolence will be highlighted each month this year through the Voice, the narthex bulletin board, and temple talks and that's *reason to celebrate* the fact God has blessed us so abundantly that we can financially support so many ministries that are serving faithfully every day.

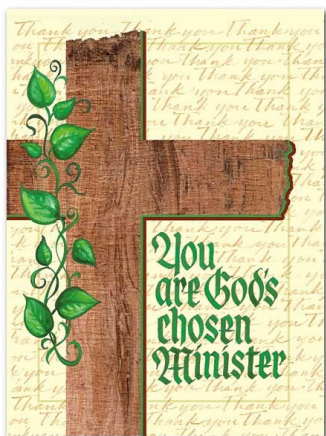
In closing, you will likely be reading this during Holy Week. One of my daily devotionals is My Utmost For His Highest and the devotion for March 13th includes the realization that "John 3:16 means that God completely and absolutely gave Himself to us. In our surrender, we must give ourselves to God in the same way He gave Himself for us—totally, unconditionally and without reservation." Wow. In our humanness this seems impossible but by the power of the Holy Spirit we can join God in His work every day as He continues to work in us and through us. We will always be under construction this side of heaven but we know the work in us will be completed. Paul told the Philippians that in the very beginning of his letter to them (chapter 1, v6; he didn't waste any time – it was that important): "And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

May the love of Jesus shine through each of us this Easter more than ever and may the power of the Holy Spirit draw us to God's work around us, fully forgiven and cherished by Him.

Joni Wasmund



Card Ministry



We need your help...

As a reminder, we are continuing the ministry of card giving to our isolated seniors, so please write out a greeting card or two and drop them into the basket located on the registration table. Thanks to those of you who have already participated in this ministry! Together, we will make a difference in their lives as well as ours by spreading God's never ending love!

Also, if you are a senior/shut-in or know of one that may benefit from this ministry, please provide address information to me at heidedeborah@gmail.com to be added to our periodic distribution list.

Let's share the blessings of Easter and the gift of love and companionship with our area seniors!

Sincerely,
Deb Heide

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Glorifying God Through Prayer

Reflections One's Prayer Life

"Prayer at its best is the expression of the total life," writes A.W. Tozer.¹ Have you been growing in your fellowship with the Father during these stressful times? Are you listening to the Father during your prayer time allowing him to nurture your relationship? Have you ever thought about reflecting on your prayer life?

"All things being equal, our prayers are as only as powerful as our lives. How does one assess our life in Christ? Do we start with prayer? Put another way, are my prayers filled with emergency prayers or much prayer throughout the day? Do we examine our priorities of seeking first the kingdom of God? This honest assessment will take some time alone and may require some input from a spiritual mentor or two."¹

This short paragraph is Chapter One's first question for the reader from the *Reflect and Apply* section at the end of **Growing in Christ** group's next book selection, *Prayer, Communing with God in Everything – Collected Insights from A.W. Tozer*, compiled by W.L. Seaver. With Lent transitioning into Easter, it is a timely opportunity to reflect on *What is my salvation for?* What has Christ created you for during your journey home? Note: the questions remain the same regardless of age.

Opportunities for Prayer

For St. Mark Church the Worship and Music Committee has posted the *2021 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, see and be blessed.

6:00 pm. – 6:45 pm Wednesday evenings during Lent via Zoom

Contact Person: Pam Burke 244-430-6226 or Charlie Burke 847-406-9105

Zoom link – Linda Brissey

30 Days of Prayer for Muslims in April/May 2021

Mark your calendar to join St. Mark church again for *30 Days of Prayer for Muslims* during Ramadan - Monday, **April 13 to May 12, 2021**. Join millions of Christians around the world who regularly participate in this largest ongoing international prayer focus for our Muslim neighbors. An activity, which has been done for over the past 25 years, has been coordinated by World Christian Concern since 1993. For more information go to [30daysofprayer.com](https://www.30daysofprayer.com). Why pray for Muslims? Click on the link to view a short video about the phenomena of millions of Muslims converting to Christianity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watchv=EGjWWth9b2M&feature=youtu.be>

Watch for updated details in the announcements and on online.

Please contact Barb Ewert for more information at b1182ray@aol.com.

Dear Friends at St. Mark Lutheran Church,

My name is Emily Leeds and I am the new Traditional Music Coordinator. I am so happy to be here with you all! As we are building our music ensembles back up, I need your help! If you are a singer, an instrumentalist, like to sing in choir, or are interested in ringing in handbells, please feel free to reach out to me at Emily.leeds12@gmail.com. I would love to get to know you, learn more about your musical interests and get you plugged in. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask!

God's blessings!

Emily Leeds



GET INVOLVED!

C3 STUDENT MINISTRY (9TH-12 GRADE) IS BACK IN-PERSON AT ST. MARK!

OUR MONTHLY CALENDARS ARE SENT OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH. WE MEET MOST SUNDAY EVENINGS (6:00-8:00 PM) FOR GAMES, SNACKS, BIBLE AND LIFE STUDIES, AND MORE!

WE ALSO HAVE REGULAR SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. YOU COULD JOIN OUR MEDIA TEAM OR THE YOUTH WORSHIP BAND!

THE CHANCES TO GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE ARE ENDLESS, HOW WILL GOD USE YOU AT ST. MARK?

Mission Trip Dates

April 11th

First Mission Trip Meeting

April 30th

Final Registration Deadline

May 23rd

Second Mission Trip Meeting

July 18th-23rd

Louisville Mission Trip Dates

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

STUDENT MINISTRY

April 2021 | Josiah Frusti
josiah@smlc.info



***"NOT WHERE, BUT WHO.
NOT IF, BUT HOW."***

Why go on a Mission Trip? I am sure this question has crossed your mind. The 2021 YouthWorks theme answers that thought with the words of Jesus:

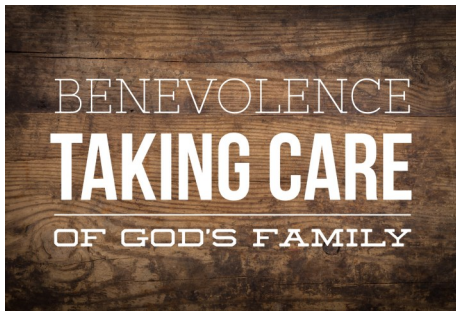
"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"
Luke 10:27

To be Christian is to live as Christ calls us to live. To seek out those who are hurting, lost, or in need, and put ourselves second. This summer, those neighbors are in Louisville, KY.

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MONTHLY BENEVOLENCE HIGHLIGHT



Dear St. Mark,

How grateful I am for your partnership! While many faith-based organizations could not survive the devastating impact of the pandemic, your partnership gave us all what we needed to survive and even thrive. We are so grateful. As we look ahead, we pray and trust the Lord will continue to use our partnership to meet physical and spiritual needs in our community.

Here are some highlights of the many outreach possibilities made possible through your financial support and dedicated people.

Food Insecurity- Pete Bolender and Ken Kerns were part of our volunteer base delivering over 1,000 meals to those sheltering in place.

Fresh Start- In partnership with CPAH Community Partners for Affordable Housing, we provide the dignity of a decent bed to newly released inmates from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Last month, Jeff McKenzie and Ken Kerns delivered a new queen-sized mattress and frame, linens, blankets and other basics to help Julio with his start.

In Zone Project- We provided 10 twin beds to the In Zone Project in Barrington through the helping hands of St. Mark's delivery team. When we heard Terrace's testimony born out of his own experience in the streets of Chicago, Pete knew he had to introduce Jeff McKenzie, Pastor Breum and St. Mark to the In Zone Project.

We continually consider needs in our community and St. Mark's passion for outreach. We met with the young teen moms meeting out of St. Mark and gifted them with totes and quilts representing God's grace and love. Each child received a beautifully illustrated children's Bible. We listen to your heart and carefully create outreach opportunities to equip St. Mark with ways to help and heal people in our community. Thank you for all you have done and all we will do in the days ahead. To learn about our latest outreach opportunities, please visit our new website:

PossibilitieswithPURPOSE.com

For His Glory and Kingdom Kristen "Moxie" Johnson Executive Director with PURPOSE
-formerly Love INC Lake County SW



A note about our new name! In the early days of the Pandemic, a generous marketing group, Bish Creative, offered to refresh/rebrand our 10-year-old ministry. As they learned about the many ways we loved in the name of Christ, they discovered everything was done out of our purpose in Christ. Our new name fits our newly expanded services perfectly! Whether we deliver a bed, a meal, a box or bag, we fulfill our purpose in Christ, to be salt and light to a world in need of God's grace."

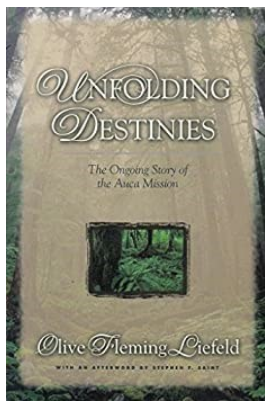
St. Mark is blessed to have Kristen "Moxie" Johnson as part of our Ministry Partners. She is a person you want to be with on earth and into eternity.

We met Moxie while she was managing Love INC. SW Lake County. Our relationship has grown while working with Penny and Stacey. We support "Moxie's" mission with volunteers and 10% of the St. Mark Benevolence Giving. Thanks be to God and the Congregation of St. Mark!

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What's on the Shelf?

Unfolding Destinies: ***The Untold Story of Peter Fleming and the Auca Mission*** By: Olive Fleming Liefeld

This month's book selection, *Unfolding Destinies: The Untold Story of Peter Fleming and the Auca Mission* was written by a former member of our church. Olive Fleming Liefeld, widow of the missionary Peter Fleming, relates her version of the events already familiar to readers of Elisabeth Elliot's "Through the Gates of Splendor". Olive describes details of the fateful trip in 1956 during which Pete, Jim Elliot, and three others were killed by Waorani Indians in Ecuador.

In 1989, Olive returned to Ecuador and met the Indians who were responsible for her husband's death. There she discovered previously unknown pieces of the puzzle and gained new insight into the events themselves. She came away with a deeper understanding of the ways God works in the lives and destinies of His people. You can find this book in the St. Mark Authors' section of the library.

Important Prayer Opportunity for Our Muslim Neighbors Here and Abroad **April 13 to May 21, 2020**

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?

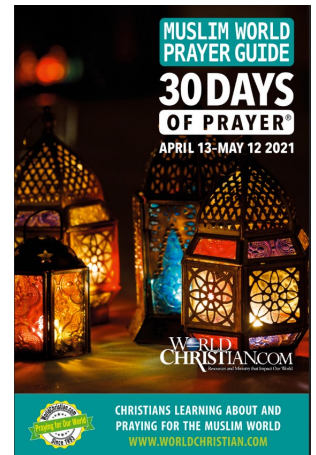
Praying with other Christian Churches! Join other Christians worldwide for the twentieth-seventh year for a focused *30 Days of Prayer* for our Muslim neighbors. For a 6th year St. Mark Church will provide "30 Days of Prayer" prayer booklets with; 1) prayer points, 2) a focus on specific Muslim culture 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 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? Friday, April 13 to Saturday, May 21, 2021 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 and will be available beginning the weekends of April 10 and April 17, 2021 or until supplies run out. We will order more, if requested. For more information go to 30daysofprayer.com Why to pray for Muslims? Click on the link to view a short video about the phenomena of millions of Muslims converting to Christianity. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGjWWth9b2M&feature=youtu.be>

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.





Our Lives Have Changed So Much This Past Year...

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee which includes Laurie Kerns, Pete Bolender, and me, Carl Norlin. For so many years the committee has struggled with how to encourage our members to use online giving. Well, the good news is that our members have increased the use of online giving by many-fold. Thank you for those who are participating in online giving.

During the past year we have found a “new normal”. Far from anything like normal, we go grocery shopping online and they are delivered to the door. We are ordering meals to be delivered and do I need to mention the endless variety of products delivered to your doorstep from Amazon?

So why not try online giving. Here’s why online giving is beneficial:

- First off you do not have to fill out those envelopes and carry them or mail them to church.
- There is a cost savings when the church does not have to print and mail those envelopes.
- There will be no more offering checks to write.
- Regular and consistent giving helps our church with budgeting. It evens out the annual giving, especially if you are on vacation or are a “Snow-Bird;” your offering always comes even when you are gone. You can even schedule special offerings long before the date.
- Online giving has all the giving categories including, but not limited to; Debt Retirement, Flowers, Holiday giving and special offerings such as Memorials, to name a few.
- It helps the counting teams (a volunteer committee) with less checks to count and tabulate.
- It assists our Financial Secretary, Patrice, in tabulating giving reports since all information is provided electronically.

To help you, see the instructions below that outlines where and how to start online giving. Let us continue to increase our participation in online giving. So, Sign-up today!

Here’s what you can do to continue your support to St. Mark:

- Go to the St. Mark website at www.smlc.info.
- Go to **Give** at the top of the page.
- Tithes & Offerings appear. You have three (3) options.
 - ♦ Click Here for – to be redirected to a secure website for online donations by credit card, debit card, or checking account information.
 - ♦ Click Here for – to download and print a form that can be returned to our office (to the attention of “Financial Secretary- Patrice Sutton”) to be set up for automatic recurring withdrawals.
 - ♦ Click Here for – to be redirected to the GivePlus+ website which explains everything associated with the smartphone app. GivePlus+. Using this app, you can use your smartphone to make either a onetime or reoccurring donation to St. Mark.

Thank you and stay safe and healthy.

God’s blessings – The Stewardship Committee (Laurie Kerns, Carl Norlin and Pete Bolender)



Vacation Bible School Is Coming!!!

The Parish Ed Committee is **urgently** looking for a **Co-Director for VBS**. Please help us fill this last position and complete our VBS leader team. The Co-Director would work together with our current, experienced Co-Director to ensure the 2021 VBS program is a success! VBS 2021 is scheduled for June 21-25, if we are able to have it in-person. If not, dates for virtual presentation to be determined. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for such an important outreach.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Parish Ed Committee: Patty Lindholm at palindholm@ameritech.net, Jane Milani at lymom76@att.net, or Lori McKenzie at lorimckenzie119@gmail.com.

Bill Glass Behind the Walls

June 19, 2021



Hooray! We have scheduled our first Bill Glass Behind the Walls Event since the pandemic. We have approval from Lake County Jail to hold an event on **June 19th**. The jail is taking precautions to keep everyone safe, including administering a rapid COVID test to all teammates. Please sign up for this event at behindthewalls.com.

We are also working with Terrance Wallace to do an outside the walls event in a Chicago neighborhood. More information about that will be forthcoming.

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Hebrews 13:3

Workshops have changed...



Connecting faith & finances for good.™

The Thrivent Member Network is a group of local Christians who come together to learn, support one another and make an impact in our communities. We are part of Thrivent, a membership-owned, financial services organization.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ChicagolandRegion.Thrivent> to learn more.

Upcoming Workshops:

Savvy Social Security with Mike Fuehrmeyer, Financial Consultant with Thrivent. (April 13th / 5:30PM, April 15th / 12:00PM)

B.L.E.S.S. Love Your Neighbor, Change the World with Jon Ferguson. (April 21st / 6:30PM)

Understanding Annuities and Social Security with Robin Mueller. (April 27th / 6:00PM)

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ChicagolandRegion.Thrivent> to learn more or contact your local Thrivent Representative...

Jerry.Doran@thrivent.com / Call 847-271-8632 or
Text 224-252-8265



We Always Have Room For One More Man! (age 15+)

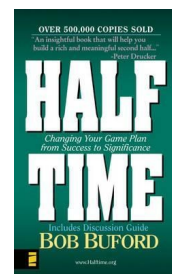
Every **2nd Saturday** of the Month.

ZOOM & IN PERSON Meeting:

April 10th at 8:00am

Each month's discussions are independent of one another, so join any time.

We're using *Half Time*, by Bob Buford, to guide our discussion. Feel free to buy the book if that's more convenient, otherwise request one by email. To be added to our mailing list; send your name, email, phone number, and mailing address to Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com or call/text Jerry Doran / 847-271-8632. Please monitor your email for any last minute changes.



Zoom.com
Meeting ID: **712-154-5277**

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Camp Timber-lee



It has been a long winter, and Camp Timber-Lee is OPEN this summer! With new distancing in community spaces, changed food service, increased cleaning, and cabins of five to eight campers - your child can encounter Christ through a dynamic camp experience. Check it out at www.timber-lee.com.

Open House Experiences - Guided tours of cabins and activities:

April 24th, 2:00PM - 5:00PM

April 25th, 2:00PM - 5:00PM

St. Mark offers a wonderful incentive program where our Timber-Lee campers can earn points through service projects. These points turn into a discount on the Timber-Lee registration at up to a \$250 savings! The incentive program ends on May 7th.

Contact Jori Bowen with any questions

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WinterJam III has been uploaded to YouTube and is now available to view.

If you get a chance, head out to SMLC Digital on YouTube and check out the production that was put together featuring our St. Mark bands and several interviews from key people, past and present.

We may not have been able to meet in person to enjoy WinterJam as we have in past years, but thanks to many hands and feet, time and talents that were gifted to those who serve in our church, we have a production that can be enjoyed by all. Grab some snacks and park yourself in front of your computer or TV and be prepared to worship through the praise and worship songs that have been chosen for such a time as this. God is on the move!!!!

Thanks to all of the folks featured in the production as well as those behind the scenes!



Open Arms Food Pantry

Thank you to all of you who continue to support the Open Arms pantry by filling the **Yellow Food Barrels** and through monetary donations! Your support of this program is much needed and very much appreciated!

Please keep the donations coming!

For the month of April, donations of canned fruit and coffee would be appreciated!

Please consider donating at
<https://www.openarmsmission.org/the-difference-you-can-make>.

Thank you for your heart for the hungry!



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VIRTUAL EVENTS - CAN YOU HELP?

FMSC virtual experiences provide an opportunity for you to be inspired, find community with other FMSC supporters, meet partners and the kids who eat FMSC meals and more. And, of course, to feed kids. Upcoming Virtual Event highlights.

Building Dreams Together

Thursday, May 6, 2021 | 7-8 p.m. CT

In this brand new virtual experience, hear stories from children and adults whose lives have been transformed by FMSC meals. Learn how MannaPack® meals support a child's growth and development and allow them to dream of bright futures. Bid on FMSC MarketPlace™ auction packages and join others to raise funds so every child can dream big and reach their full potential.

Race to Feed Kids

June 21-30, 2021

Lace up your running shoes, pump up your bike tires, get out your baking equipment - whatever it is you love doing (or always told yourself you'd try), get ready for 10 days of doing it to feed kids. Whatever your "race" looks like, use it as an opportunity to invite friends, families and coworkers to support you by funding FMSC meals.

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And in that moment,
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hope PUSHED PAST FEAR
life CONQUERED DEATH
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what it means for us every day;
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