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Sunday Worship

Chapel Service: 8 am Worship Service: 10 am

Wednesday Youth Christian Education (Sept. – May)
WOW (3 yrs through 5th grade) FaithWalk (Confirmation 6-8th grade)
4:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday Adult Christian Education
Bible Study 11:00 am

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Friday 8:30 am – 12 pm noon

St. Mark Preschool & Enrichment Center
847/873-1110
Web: stmarkpreschoolcares.org

Preschool Director Barb Zediker bzediker@stmarkmp.org

The mission statement of the people of St. Mark:
To nourish God's people in Body, Mind and Spirit.



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Confirmation Sunday May 21, 2017





While Pastor Christie is on Maternity Leave, here are some pictures of Thomas:



Thomas James Webb
born April 25, 2017



2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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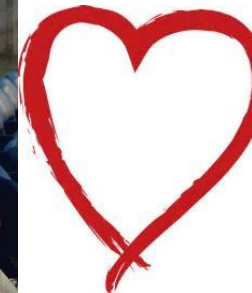
There are still openings for our 3 year old class (both part time and full time care available) and in our PM Kindergarten Enrichment program for the Fall. Busing for Westbrook kindergarteners available through District 57. Contact Barb Zediker at 847-873-1110.

Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

Thank you to all who have helped support the Youth through this fundraiser. To date we have raised \$724. We plan to continue this fundraising effort into 2018 to help with expenses for the upcoming Youth Gathering in Houston, as well as other Youth trips in the future. The next tasting will be on June 11. This will be the last tasting for the summer so stock up on your favorites—dips, spices, desserts and more! You can also continue to check out products online and place your orders there. Simply go to: tastefullysimple.com/web/mciske, shop, then choose St Mark (St M) as the host at check out. SIMPLE!!



**WOW
2017**



Thank You From the Webbs

We cannot thank all of you enough for the many ways you have supported us as we are learning how to be a family and do ministry together. The food people have made for us has been delicious. The prayers people have offered have given us strength. The cards we have received given us joy. The gifts have all been so thoughtful, generous, and helpful.

We thank God continually for your kindness! It has been so important in helping us spend time together caring for each other, celebrating Thomas, and looking forward to introducing you all to this great little joy who is the love of our lives. We feel so blessed to have each other to be a big family.

Our first Sunday back to church together is still being planned and Thomas' baptism date is still in the works. We are considering our family's travel schedules and Thomas' development (and trying to get some sleep) before we make a decision about those important dates. However, we are really looking to celebrating with all of you on those joy-filled days!





Digging for Treasure VBS
June 12th-16th
9:30AM-12PM

We have a great week of fun planned for Vacation Bible School this year! We are going to be digging, searching, sifting, scouring, hunting, seeking, crawling, climbing, diving, and spelunking for treasure at St. Mark. Just like Jesus says: “Seek and you will find!” We will spend the week activating student’s curiosity and innate treasure hunting sense. Each day we will go on a treasure hunt, spend time working with one of the parables from the Bible, and learn about what real treasure really is! The parables are a treasure, a gift, and like a door. God gives them to us and you have to know how to open them. Sometimes it takes a few tries or knocks to get them to open!

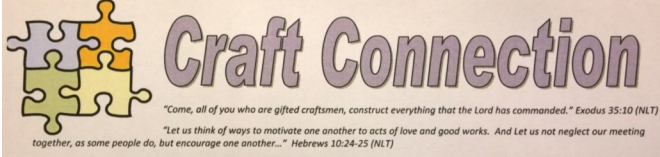
The VBS fun is open to only EVERYONE. We have jobs in our treasure hunting party for all ages! 0-3 year olds can come with parents for age appropriate activities. 3-5 year and 6-9 year olds will spend the week together in two groups searching for treasure. 10-12 year olds and 13-18 year olds will help shepherd small groups. Adults will help plan, set up, and lead small groups. June 11th will be our volunteer meeting lunch and church decorating session.

Please contact Deacon Dave or Jill Galyon to register a student or volunteer to help!

Here are a few of the adventures we are going to go on during VBS!

- Sing great songs
- Tell stories
- Watch Holy Moly
- Decorate hard hats
- Make rock candy crystals
- Make gems
- Navigate an indoor obstacle course
- Dive for oysters
- Search the sandbox for treasure
- Mine for gold
- Prospect in play-doh
- Crack geodes
- Decorate treasure chests

Come & join the FUN!!



FRIDAY, MAY 19
7:00 PM

In the Great Room

Bring your own craft to work on!

There will be NO Craft Connection in July.

Stewardship of Daily Life Report

As you reflect on interactions you have had in your daily living, note when you were blessed to have an opportunity for doing God's work by being generous with your feet/hands, your money/things, or time/skills, or ears/mouth. Share an example of how you felt God used you to make the world a better place, or where you had an opportunity to brighten someone's day, or where you were helped by another who assisted you. This also is your "offering" to God.

Name: _____

OK to Share? _____

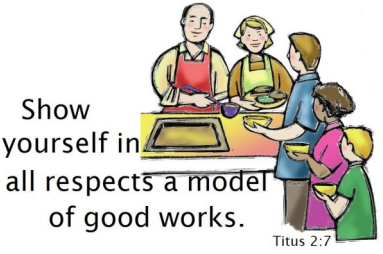
Stewardship of Daily Life Report

Remember to share your life experiences by making a note on the blue pew card. One side is to indicate that you are an electronic giver; the other side is for anyone to use to share an experience where they were able to be of help to someone during the week, or where they experienced the generosity of someone else. These stories help our faith come alive, and are a gift to the spiritual family.

Interviewing Ken and Evelyn was a gift of theirs to me. They did not feel their stories were that interesting or valuable to others, but I thank them for spending the time with me. I learned from them what it means to be patient and accepting of life as it happens.

That's a real offering!

Pr. Carl Anderson



JULY 4
MOUNT PROSPECT PARADE

Again this year St. Mark and St. Raymond are jointly running the Shopping Cart Brigade to collect food and cash donations for the Mount Prospect Food Pantry. We will borrow 10 small shopping carts and need people for the following tasks:

- Push a cart and follow very simple “choreographed” routines as we push the carts and move along the parade route
- Skate or run between the carts/marchers to gather donated food and cash and bring to one of the vehicles driving behind us
- Drive a large vehicle that can carry bottles of water and tired people and store donated food and cash while we march
- Help pickup/return 10 small size shopping carts into a van/truck on July 3 & /or at a local food store
- Help count/organize the food and cash donated a day or two after the parade
- Help deliver the food and cash to Village Hall to present to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry

If you feel you would like to help in any way with this effort, we would welcome you!

We will have a rehearsal, lasting about 15 minutes or less, on Monday, July 3 in the parking lot at St. Mark. Rehearsal may be around 5:30-6 PM; not finalized yet.

Please contact Pat Lenius at: patlenius@yahoo.com or call/text 847-848-0931 if you would like to help in any way.

Stewardship of Daily Life: A tribute to Ken and Evelyn Holmberg



We continue to emphasize our theme that stewardship involves all of our living, our decisions on priorities and time usage as well as our daily interaction with neighbors and friends, our colleagues and customers at work and of course our family. St. Mark has been blessed with many long-time members who have demonstrated their stewardship/discipleship by faithful service. This month we highlight two of the “greatest generation” who have given much of themselves to the life and ministry of St. Mark.

Ken is 97 years of age, Evelyn is 95. This is the second marriage for each; Ken was married to Lorraine, and Evelyn was married to Paul. They had two daughters. Paul played semi-pro baseball but realized he couldn't support a family on what he earned so he became a truck driver. He died from heart disease at age 53. Evelyn then worked as a bank teller for over 30 years. Ken had joined Commonwealth Edison after graduating from Roosevelt HS in 1937 and joined the army Dec 3, 1941. After the Pearl Harbor attack, he was assigned to a base in Rockford for training, and through various aptitude and skill tests was selected for aircraft maintenance. That led to further training opportunities and he was selected for fighter plane pilot training. Although the war ended shortly after he was assigned to deployment overseas, he enjoyed flying very much, getting hooked on the tremendous thrill of flying powerful planes. Evelyn says that he also enjoyed a powerful car when he drove!

What's fascinating about this couple is that they knew each other as children, as their respective families knew each other and socialized. But Evelyn lived in Waukegan, and was 40 miles away from Ken's home in Chicago so courting was difficult as Ken had no car. Both knew each other's spouses as well. During his military service Ken married Lorraine, whom he met at ComEd. Evelyn's family was at the wedding. Evelyn did not rush into remarriage, even though she knew and respected Ken very much. Ken courted her for 8 years before she agreed, and they were married in 2003. When asked for the reason for her caution, she smiled and said, “Well, you know that second marriages aren't always so happy, and I had been independent for quite a while.” Ken smiled back with understanding, but both are happy today that he was persistent.

Ken and Lorraine's children, Chuck and Bob, were both raised at St. Mark. Ken returned to ComEd after the military, and became one of their respected engineers, designing electrical systems for factories and office buildings. They became members of St. Mark shortly after moving to Mt. Prospect and Ken was our groundskeeper for years, maintaining the lawns, shrubbery, and clearing snow. “I enjoyed that very much, keeping things looking nice.” Both are life-long Lutherans (Norwegian stock) and Ken and Evelyn have been regular in worship attendance since they married although Ken has been unable to attend recently due to limited mobility. But Evelyn is here every Sunday. We thank God for the wonderful witness their lives are to us and their friends at the Moorings.

Pr. Carl Anderson for the Stewardship Team



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

LSSI is the largest social service provider in Illinois with program sites throughout the state that include Chicago, Aurora, Rockford, Nachusa, Moline, Peoria, Champaign, and Marion. Celebrating its 150th Anniversary, LSSI serves and advocates for people in need and last year assisted more than 63,000 individuals statewide. The demographics of clients served by LSSI generally reflect those of Illinois' population, with one important exception—more than 80 percent of clients report an annual household income under \$15,000, compared to just 12 percent of all Illinois households.

1 in every 201 people in Illinois is served by LSSI. The organization provides critical programs for the state's most vulnerable residents including foster care, adoption, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, affordable senior housing, residential programs for people with developmental disabilities, and programs that help formerly incarcerated individuals integrate back into society.

Learn about how LSSI is leading with innovative approaches in children's services, mental health care, prisoner and family ministry, and senior services, while being impacted by the state budget crisis. Terri Gens, Sr. Director of Development, will be joining our congregation on June 25, 2017. She will be preaching at both worship services as well as leading an informational session between services.



FATHER'S DAY GRILL-OFF and PIE BAKING CONTEST June 18

Are you a grill master or have a special pie recipe to share? Join us for Father's Day as we host our first “Grill-Off and Pie Baking Contest”. Judging will begin at Noon, so you have time to put your finishing touches on after church. Please contact Jan Scott or Rachel Potter as soon as possible if you plan to participate. We also need RSVPs if you'd like to attend the event and enjoy the great food! Please let Jan or Rachel know the number in your party.

Jan Scott: scotts507@yahoo.com or
(847) 204-9764

Rachel Potter: rachel.k.scott1@gmail.com or
(847) 951-8208

A big thank you goes out to Lisa, the owner of Headquarters Design Studio, located in Des Plaines, IL. They wanted to give back by serving the community, so they offered free haircuts to our PADS guests and at Journey's main office. Our guests at our PADS site were extremely thankful for some TLC and a cut & style. Thanks to Lisa and her stylists for the complimentary service for our PADS guests at St. Mark.



Dianne Quast

Thoughts from the Loft

"Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light." (ELW #754, vs. 1)

I often times think that when one decides to become a musician, practicing is much more than sitting down and playing. It's also thinking about the music. I'm sure many, if not all, of you have had the experience of hearing a song over and over in your head. While it may be annoying, that can educate us too. Note that the hymn text above ends with "resting". That too is important for a musician and all of us. May you experience such "sweet delight" this summer.

Blessings,
Tim



The King's Players Present MARY POPPINS

Performances:
July 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30
at Rolling Meadows High School
Theatre

Tickets on sale now at thekingsplayers.org

SUMMER BARBEQUES ARE BACK!! on the Center Lawn (or inside, in case of rain or heat)

The Fellowship Committee is again hosting lunch once-a-month following 10 am worship. Join us on June 4th to start the summer off right. A free will offering will be collected to help cover expenses. Come by for food, fun and fellowship!!

Future BBQ dates: July 9, August 13 and September 10



Wed. & Tues. June 21 & 27 9:30 am
Lutheran World Relief quilting
2nd floor, Education wing

July – No quilting!

Thursday thru Sunday, July 13-16
Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering
Minneapolis, MN



THANK
YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who supported our 2017 Rachel's Day fundraising barbeque and bake sale. At this point we have raised \$727 for LSSI's Intact Family Recovery Program. We appreciate your generosity. See you next year!!



10th Triennial Gathering "All Anew"

Minneapolis Convention Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 13-16

Meet fellow W/ELCA sisters from all over the country
Hear inspiring speakers
Participate in worship
Attend workshops
View films
Shop the exhibit hall
Attend special events
Engage in servant opportunities

Or get involved
without even going to Minneapolis!
Check out welcatg.org
for loads of information!
– and a coloring sheet!

Graduate Recognition Sunday June 11

On Sunday, June 11 we will be recognizing all of this year's graduates (eighth grade, High School, College, and beyond.) Please let us know about your graduate by June 6th so they can be recognized—by email at stmarkmp@stmarkmp.org, on a Connection Card on Sunday morning, or call the church office. Let us know name of graduate, school graduating from, going to in the fall & degree.

The St. Mark Foundation will be awarding the 2017 St. Mark Educational Gifts to the following recipients that day:

Jonathan Okon—Graduate of John Hersey High School; attending Harper College in the Fall.
Nick Stone—Graduate of Maine West High School; attending Loras College in the Fall.

