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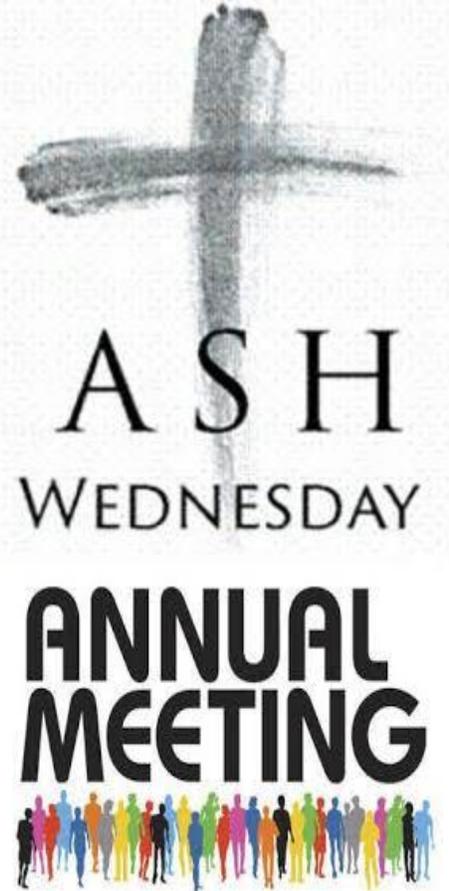
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Practices for Jesus-Centered Life



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Pastor's Corner



What difference does being a Christian make in your everyday life?

This question captivated me first in 2019 as I watched a video from Luther Seminary's Faithful Innovation Summit. The presenters Dwight Zscheile and Michael Binder state that one of the reasons for decline in mainline protestantism is that we can't answer this question. We don't know or can't articulate how being Christian makes our lives different, sets it apart from other ways of living. After that I began to encourage people to consider this regularly in devotional time at various meetings. I experienced people struggling at first to find the words. I experienced myself struggling to find the words. But as we practiced, we found more and more reasons our life is different because of Christ.

Fast forward a few months. As the Vision Team started to articulate what it sees as key goals for the congregation in the next few years, they lifted up connecting our faith to our everyday life as one of our focuses. If we can begin to see our faith played out in our actual lives, then we can begin to answer this question.

Fast forward a few months after that and the pandemic hits, and the question is no longer optional. In a world where our faith is connected to activities in a building we are no longer entering and a weekly gathering we are no longer holding in person, what difference does our faith make indeed? We were forced, and continue to be forced, to wrestle with that question. How do we live out our faith in our homes, in our work, in our friendships, in our choices? What strength, hope, courage, support does our faith give us in this most challenging of times when the main ways we've practiced it are not, for the moment, possible?

Fast forward a couple of months into the pandemic, to another Faithful Innovation Conference, this time with Carl Anderson, Nancy Snell, and Gina Dahlgren "by my side" as much as they can be in a digital conference. We hear Canon Stephanie Spellers speak about the Episcopal Church's discipleship focus: The Way of Love. "More than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest." (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>) These 7 practices of a Jesus-Centered life, these are what make our lives different because we are Christian.

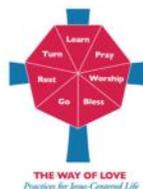


Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of our sister church the Episcopal Church reminds us that Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. "Before they were called 'church' or 'Christian,' this Jesus Movement was simply called 'the way.'" Presiding Bishop Curry asks: "How can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?" He suggests that the deep roots of our Christian tradition, the practices of Turn – Learn – Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest can make up the

Jesus' way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest can make up the rhythm of that life and become for us a "Rule of Life," like the monastic communities have used to shape their lives around the rhythms and disciplines of following Jesus. The practices are designed to be "sparse and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways."

Friends I think this is it. I think this is the way we live our way into answering the question about what difference our faith makes in our lives. I think God has been leading us to this very moment for the past two years. I think God has been preparing us to be transformed by living this Way of Love.

Together in Lent, and beyond into the rest of this year, and in the rest of our lives, the leadership of St. Mark: the rostered leaders, the Council, the Vision Team, invite you to join us on the journey of exploring and intentionally living this way of life, the way of Jesus, the way of love. Together as we journey we hope to flesh out what our unique Rule of Life is as followers of Christ. Together as we journey we pray we discover again and again what difference being a follower of Jesus makes in our lives. Together as we journey we pray that God changes us and the world in which we live. Together may we live the way of love.

I'm excited to be on the way with you!

Your travelling companion in peace and love,

Pastor Christie



Thoughts from the Loft

Valentine's Day happens to fall on a Sunday this year. A few days after, we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Even in the songs we sing for church, the theme of "love" is constant. We are reminded that the love which binds us all together is Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

The hymn writer declares: "Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down". How wonderful it is that the love of Christ can be a part of the church's song each week! Let us sing that song with each prayer we pray, and each step we take this month!

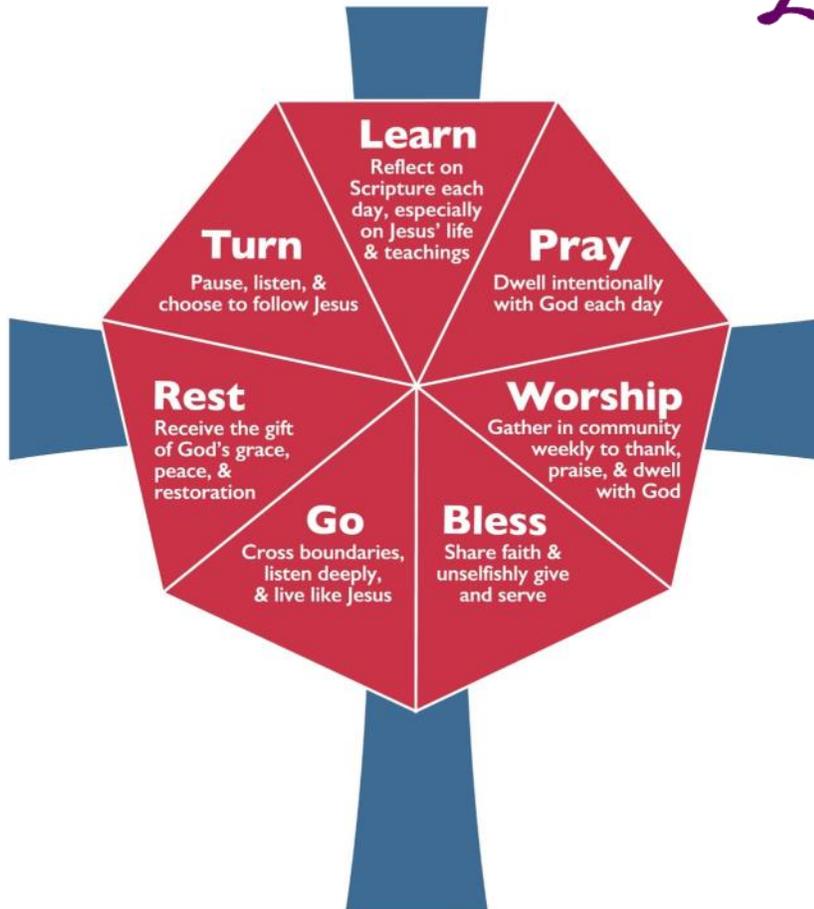
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THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

Lent 2021



This Lent we practice the Way of Love, the way of following Jesus, the way of living a Jesus Centered Life. We return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. We hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world. Join us as we take on one of seven practices each week.

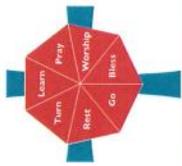
Week 1 (Feb 21): Turn
 Week 2 (Feb 28): Pray
 Week 3 (Mar 7): Learn
 Week 4 (Mar 14): Bless
 Week 5 (Mar 21): Rest
 Week 6 (Mar 28): Worship
 Week 7 (Easter Apr 4): Go

Sunday Worships: Available Online at <https://tinyurl.com/stmarkmpyoutube>

Midweek Lenten Gatherings: Wednesdays at 7pm over Zoom
<https://tinyurl.com/stmarkmpmidweeklent> or www.zoom.com
 Meeting ID: 823 7807 6750

Devotional: Check out the calendar on the next page. Each day has a question or a practice and Bible passage. Take time each day to reflect, maybe write in a journal, talk it over with your family or call a friend and share. Visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StMarkLutheranIL> for Bonus content like podcasts and videos.

Together in this season of Lent we will experience the difference a Jesus-Centered life following the way of love makes in our every day lives.



Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Reflections from "Living the Way of Love" by Mary Bea Sullivan (Church Publishing, 2019). Used with permission.</p> <p>22 Worship What is most meaningful to you in worship?</p> <p>Mar 1 Learn What passage of scripture is important to you Why? Isa. 40:8</p> <p>8 Go Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you? Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5</p> <p>15 Bless What challenges are you facing today? Job 11:18</p> <p>22 Turn What relationships do you need to mend? Isa. 55:8-9</p> <p>29 Pray Listen to the daily office today at missionstclair.com Ps. 55:17</p>	<p>23 Pray Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention. Isa. 2:3a</p> <p>24 Way of Love Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? Luke 5:19</p> <p>3 Go Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt. 25:44-45</p> <p>10 Rest How can you incorporate rest from technology today? Matt. 11:28</p> <p>17 Rest What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3</p> <p>24 Learn Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt. 4:18-22</p> <p>31 Bless When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44</p> <p>30 Rule of Life Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life? 2 Cor. 3:6</p>	<p>Feb 17 Bless Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings. Gen. 2:7</p> <p>24 Way of Love Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? Luke 5:19</p> <p>3 Go Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt. 25:44-45</p> <p>10 Rest How can you incorporate rest from technology today? Matt. 11:28</p> <p>17 Rest What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3</p> <p>24 Learn Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt. 4:18-22</p> <p>31 Bless When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44</p>	<p>18 Worship How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ? John 1:12-13</p> <p>25 Bless Who has taught you to live a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught? 2 Cor. 4:16</p> <p>4 Pray Take 20 minutes in contemplative prayer today. Matt. 4:18-22</p> <p>11 Learn How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him? Mark 10:46-52</p> <p>18 Learn Practice lectio divina with this scripture. Luke 15:17-24</p> <p>25 Worship What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ? Ps. 51:10</p> <p>Apr 1 Worship How do you want to prepare people to remember you? 2 Cor. 1:3-4</p>	<p>19 Rule of Life How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit? John 15:5</p> <p>26 Go Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness? Matt. 5:4</p> <p>5 Bless Intentionally smile at least ten times today. Phil. 4:4</p> <p>12 Worship In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you? Phil. 4:6</p> <p>19 Go Create a prayer representing how you seek to serve God and follow Jesus. Matt. 5:15</p> <p>26 Go Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world? Isa. 48:6b</p>	<p>20 Rest How might you connect with others in the spirit of renewal? 1 Kings 19:11-12</p> <p>27 Rest How do you incorporate rest in your life? Jer. 6:16</p> <p>6 Turn Today, intentionally listen devoutly to another. Mark 4:23</p> <p>13 Pray Try praying with Anglican prayer beads. Luke 18:1</p> <p>20 Rule of Life How do others experience the love of Christ through you? Gal. 5:22-23</p> <p>27 Pray What are you thankful for? 1 Chron. 29:15</p>	<p>21 1st Sunday of Lent</p> <p>28 2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>7 3rd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>14 4th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>21 5th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>28 Palm Sunday</p>



Submitted by: Dave Okon, Secretary

The St. Mark Church Council met virtually via Zoom on January 19th. Here are some topics discussed during the meeting:

We continue to monitor developments regarding the pandemic. As restrictions only allow gatherings of ten persons or less, services will remain virtual. The board revisits this topic at every meeting and is hopeful we will be able to return to some form of in person worship in the near future. St. Mark follows Synod and state guidelines for the safety of all members.

The Lions Club has requested to move additional vendors participating in the farmers market indoors during the colder weather. They would most likely be in the gym area and proper distancing and other precautions will be taken as required by the village health department. The Council approved this request to move forward on a tentative basis. Stop by and see what they have to offer!

Nancy Snell requested permission to begin holding Book Club meetings in the Great Room starting with their next meeting. The board voted to allow the meetings with a limit of ten members safely spaced with additional participation via Zoom for those who cannot attend. The Council voted to allow the meetings and the Book Club members will be responsible for sanitizing the area and building security.

Twenty-eight-year Mount Prospect resident and local real estate developer Tom Lowe made a presentation to the Council on January 5th regarding the proposed redevelopment of Prospect Place, the block long section of one story businesses extending from Main Street to Wille Street along Prospect Avenue. Mr. Lowe made the presentation as a courtesy as the close proximity of the proposed redevelopment will impact St. Mark. Most concerns about the impact were assuaged during the meeting. Mr. Lowe then made a presentation of the proposal to the Mt. Prospect Zoning Board and met with some resistance from local residents with parking being a big concern. Mr. Lowe reapproached the Council with a request to rent ten parking spaces in the parking lot for the development. The Council gave this some consideration but ultimately rejected the idea. We will keep you informed as to the progress of the redevelopment as we learn additional details.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 28th and the Council is still working out how the meeting will be held. You will hear more on the options in the coming weeks. The next Council meeting will be February 16th at 7 PM.

If you have any matters or concerns to bring before the Council, please contact any Council member or the church office.

Blessings and Peace



**Do.
Church.
Anywhere.**

OnLine Worship

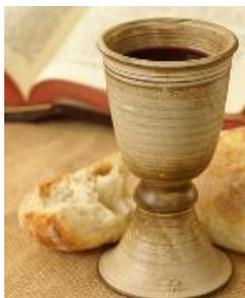
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Evenings

Worship online with us.

Visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StMarkLutheranIL/> as well as our YouTube Channel <https://tinyurl.com/stmarkmpyoutube>.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the February 28th online service. Individual Communion cups, for your use at home, with wine or juice and wafer, are available for pickup or local delivery. Please contact the Church Office by email at stmarkmp@stmarkmp.org or by phone at 847-253-0631 to order yours.



Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 



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Triennial Changes

Believing in-person meetings will still be unsafe due to the coronavirus, the Women of the ELCA executive board has decided that the Triennial Gathering, previously rescheduled for August 5-8, 2021, will be postponed. The staff will find other ways to build community and bring women together virtually in 2021 and 2022. The next Gathering will be scheduled for mid-September, 2023.

Other Churchwide News

With giving down significantly, the Women of the ELCA executive board has been forced to make a significant staffing change. Beginning February 1, 8 of the 10 on staff will move to part-time positions. The only 2 to remain full-time will be the Executive Director and the Gather magazine editor. Further changes could come September 1, after more strategic thought on how the organization will meet its mission in the future and what staffing arrangement will best meet that plan.

"Tuesdays at 12" Continues

All are invited to join ELCA women across the country in a time for prayer for our families, friends, communities, country, and our world.

Anyone can participate no matter where you are at 12 noon on Tuesdays.



MARDI GRAS!

February 16 at 6pm on Zoom

Join us for dinner over Zoom, a costume party, and night of “Dad Jokes.” Our yearly tradition of celebrating Shrove Tuesday continues in a new way. Wear your favorite Mardi Gras attire, enjoy your favorite foods, and be ready to tell your favorite corny jokes. **Email or contact Deacon**

David if you would like a Mardi Gras/Ash Wednesday kit (The kit includes masks and beads, and the palm burning prayer and Ashes, Communion, Lenten Devotional, Palm Cross, seeds, and a succulent). This kit will be available for pick up on February 15th at 6PM.

Mardi Gras Zoom Info

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84271546088?pwd=UGtBK3E2UIJBTzBDa2JSenVHc2VVdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 7154 6088 Passcode: 343277

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17

Ashes and Communion Virtually or In Person

You can receive ashes and communion in two ways this year as we mark the beginning of Lent.

There will be **one Ash Wednesday Worship Service** that will be prerecorded and posted online on Youtube.

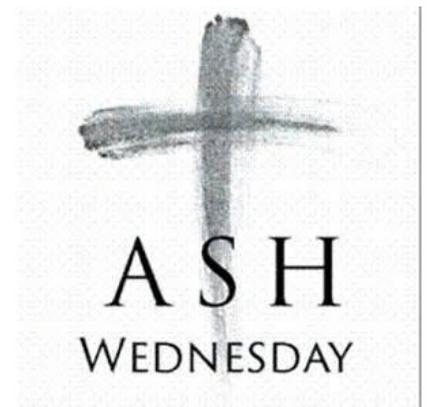
You can receive ashes and communion to use at home by signing up for a Mardi Gras/Ash Wednesday kit. (The kit

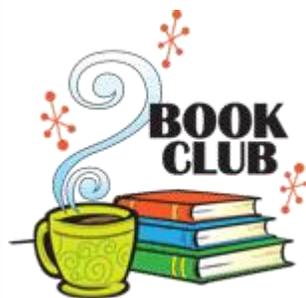
includes masks and beads, the palm burning prayer and Ashes, Communion, Lenten Devotional, Palm Cross, seeds, and a succulent.) This kit will be available for pick up on February 15th at 6PM. Email Deacon David (dwebb@stmarkmp.org) or call the church office (847-253-0631) to reserve your kit. **Or**

Sign up to receive ashes and communion in person in front of the church at 11AM or 7PM on February 17th (Ash Wednesday). Use links below or call the church office to reserve your spot.

Use this link for 11AM: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ash-wednesday-receive-ashes-11am-tickets-138642554613>

Use this link for 7PM: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ash-wednesday-receive-ashes-at-7-pm-tickets-138644695015>





The **Book Club** has put together a new partial reading list for 2021.

We will add September, October and November later. It

includes a variety of reading all of which have been read and recommended by at least one member of the group. It is full of interesting selections. The group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 1:00 in the Great Room, as soon as COVID-19 restrictions permit and the Church Council reopens the building for gatherings. Currently we are meeting on Zoom. We'd love to have you join us! Contact Nancy Snell at 847-431-9116 if you have any questions or to get the link to connect on Zoom.

St. Mark Book Club 2021 Reading List

FEBRUARY 22 - **The Lions of Fifth**

Avenue by Fiona Davis

MARCH 22 - **The Night of Miracles** by Elizabeth Berg

APRIL 26 - **Writers and Lovers** by Lily King

MAY 24 - **The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett

JUNE 28 - **A Time for Mercy** by John Grisham

JULY 26 - **The Island of Sea Women** by Lisa See

AUGUST 23 - **Summer of '69** by Elin Hilderbrand

THANK YOU



A heartfelt thank you for the gift of parental leave. We Webbs used that time well, adjusting to life as a family of four, getting sleep when we could, and tending to our family's needs. A special thank you to Pastor Carl Anderson and Vicar Christina Johnson for your work in worship leadership and pastoral care, to the Council for your work in decisions and guiding the congregation, to the staff for all the extra things you did to keep things running smoothly. And thank you congregation for your prayers, your cards, your gifts, and your love. We are so glad Sam was born into this family of faith. We can't wait for you to meet him!

Love in Christ,
Christie, David, Thomas and Sam

The family of Julie Moldenhauer would like to thank everyone at St. Mark that sent her a birthday card for her 99th birthday. She received over 75 cards from family and friends. The staff read every card to her and placed them around her room so she could see and enjoy them. It made her birthday special. She really felt the love from your good wishes. We also want to thank those members who sent condolence wishes for mom's passing. She loved the church and the friends she had made there and missed you dearly.

Thank you again.
Melody Stanko and Family

Epiphany and Lent: Listening and Seeing with Love

By Deacon David Webb

Epiphany is such a rich time of year. It is full of symbols and classic Bible texts. We start with the Magi following the star and we end with Jesus becoming transformed into pure light at the top of a mountain. Throughout we hear God's voice directing us to understand more fully that Jesus is God's beloved. In between we have lots of stories about how people learn about who Jesus is. Over the last few years I've been really focused on the "aha" part of Epiphany. The part where we learn things about God and ourselves in those dramatic or maybe less dramatic moments. Lent is similarly dramatic with Jesus telling the disciples that he is the Son of God, the bread and the wine, dies on the cross, and is resurrected. The dramatic events actually move us through the celebration. Often times, like the disciples, we stand in the tomb on Easter looking without really seeing the full extent of what is happening.



Similarly, with the storming of the capital by insurrectionists recently I'm thinking less about the big dramatic moments of transformation and thinking more about the posture we take during Epiphany. Dramatic transformations and revelations whether they are positive or negative don't do much if we aren't listening or looking deeply. For example, many people have said they did not see those terrible events in Washington D.C. coming and yet many signs have been there.

As I continue to pray about the events of our civic life as they unfold and dwell in the Lenten and Epiphany scriptures, I hear an invitation to listen and look deeply. Within Epiphany and the season after (which stretches all the way to Ash Wednesday) and Lent we are invited to look deeply at the life and love of Jesus. We are invited to see God incarnate and hear the words of Jesus' teachings, but we are called to more than just seeing, hearing, and knowing. In other words you can take notes about what Jesus says and does during the next season, but we need our hearts involved too. We need to see and hear with love. We need our hearts to tell us how to live and respond to Jesus' wisdom and great love.

We are given a great example of listening and seeing with love in the life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King's work for justice for people of color and those experiencing poverty reflects more than just work, but is steeped deeply in love and God's Word. As we commemorate his life and legacy this year in Epiphany let his non-violent work for justice inspire our response to God's Word this season.



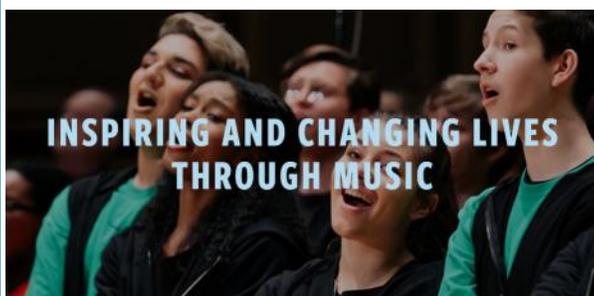
Black History Month Learning Opportunities

FEBRUARY 18, 2021: BLACK VOICES OF TRANSFORMATION: A SPOKEN WORD EVENT FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join us February 18, 2021 from 6-7:30 p.m. Central for Black Voices of Transformation: A Spoken Word Event for Black History Month. The virtual event will feature eight African-American artists from Christian and Muslim communities expressing socially conscious and personally inspiring messages.

This event is being coordinated by Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago's Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement in partnership with the American Islamic College and the Inter-Religious Institute at Chicago Theological Seminary. Other collaborative partners are Inner-City Muslim Action Network, Interfaith Youth Core, Silk Road Rising, and Young Chicago Authors.

Please RSVP to receive participant links and details. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MOpVQX9vnUeNLt395eZpth9g2P2WhxIHjN5oElqEDINUMUxNQINETEIQTzdLRkM0RzU0NkZVQUxXQy4u>



Chicago Children's Choir Concert

Black History Month Virtual Concert: Preserving and Persevering recognizes that one of the most underappreciated contributions to American music is the African sound and spirit. Chicago Children's Choir's 2021 Black History Month concert explores how the power of Black music has been the cultural key in both preserving African traditions in America and in helping millions persevere in the face of racial injustice. Join us for a

dynamic virtual educational program and performance exploring music's role for Black Americans in maintaining a sense of community in the United States.

All are invited to tune in to the free livestream on their [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ccchoir) (Facebook.com/ccchoir) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/ccchoir) (https://www.youtube.com/user/ccchoir) channels on Thursday, February 25 at 7PM CT.

Smithsonian Museum

Black History Month Programming via the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. ---Daily Events all month <https://www.si.edu/events/heritagemonth>

More Black History Month Learning Opportunities

Mount Prospect Public Library

Our Road to Equity and Resilience with Kelwin Harris

Communities face a multitude of complex social issues including economic and racial inequalities, public health concerns, poverty, and more. Join us for a presentation and discussion as city planner and public engagement professional Kelwin Harris addresses racial equity, housing segregation, and the unequal distribution of economic and educational opportunities. Drawing from his experience as a community leader on the South Side of Chicago, Harris offers ideas and interventions for the road ahead as well as strategies to ensure prosperity for everyone.

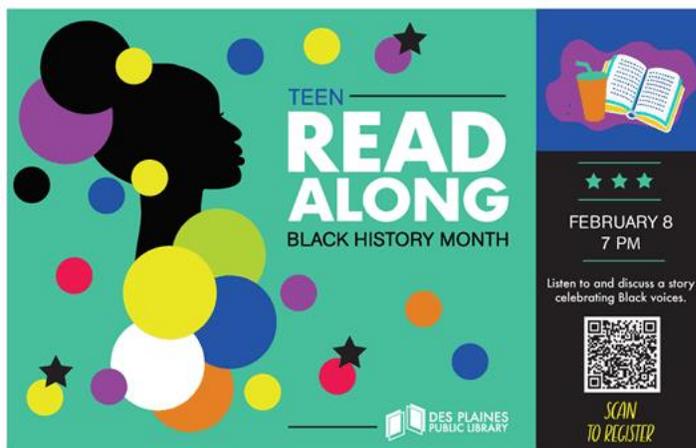
Register here: <https://mppl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?>

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Worship with Trinity United Church of Christ on the South Side of Chicago

Join this vibrant Black congregation for one of their many worship services each week to encounter the living tradition of the Black church, guided by the Spirit praising God. On Sunday Trinity worships at 7:30AM, 11AM, and 6PM. You can find a link for the live stream here: <https://www.trinitychicago.org/>



Des Plaines Library

Join us to read/listen to a short story celebrating Black voices. For Grades 7-12. Register Here:

<https://calendar.dppl.org/event/4668041>



ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Meeting

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the in-person meeting limitations imposed by the State, the Annual Meeting of St. Mark Lutheran Church will be held remotely, with voting by mail, email, or telephone. Votes are required as part of the 2021 Annual Meeting: Approval of the 2020 Annual

Meeting minutes, Approval of the 2020 Annual Report, and Election of Candidates for service. You will receive a letter early in February with meeting details and a ballot. An electronic version of the Annual Report will go out via eblast on February 12. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office. A Question and Answer session will be held on Sunday, February 28 at 11am. To join by computer go to Website: www.zoom.us, Click "Join A Meeting," and Enter Meeting ID: 830 6826 0085. To join by telephone call (312) 626-6799 and Enter Meeting ID: 830 6826 0085. Please return ballots by March 8.

Deacon Dad

By Deacon David Webb

Friends it's great to be back to Youth and Family ministry and my other faith formation focuses. Parental leave was a tremendously rich time for me as a Dad and partner. It was humbling and stretching and full of moments of growth. I continue to pray that the experiences continue to enrich my life and ability to hear God's word and share God's love with others in ministry. Not everyone is called to parenthood and God's love transcends nuclear families, but it is my hope and prayer that my witness of love as a Dad can translate a tiny piece of how all of us are called to be in relationship that is inspired by God's love and maintained by God's forgiveness and grace.

Thank you so much for the space and time to be so focused on family life and my growth as a Dad. It was lovely to hear from you and be able to share those experiences of the early days.





Preschool Registration

Open registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 10am. Interested families should visit our website at www.stmarkpreschoolcares.org to access the Google registration form. Upon receipt of this form, parents will be notified if their child is registered for the program or placed on the wait list. A discounted early bird registration fee of \$70 is due within a week of registration to secure a spot in the program. Please contact the school at 847.873.1110 for more details or to schedule a tour.



February Market Dates:

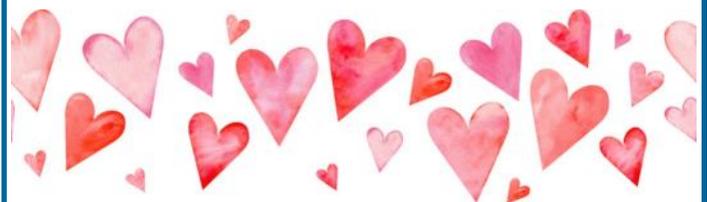
Saturday, February 13

Saturday, February 27

St. Mark is partnering with the Mt. Prospect Lion's Club to bring a Winter Farmer's Market. The Winter Farmer's Market will take place in the Center on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9am-12:30pm, November through May.



The Way of Love: Celebrating 75 years of St. Mark Lutheran Church
2021 marks the 75th anniversary for St. Mark and plans are under way to celebrate this milestone. Given ongoing COVID restrictions our celebration will look a little different this year. During Lent we will be introducing the Way of Love and beginning in the summer we hope to have some smaller events to celebrate our past and in the fall begin to look towards our future – the next 75 years. Save the date for our big celebration on September 12. We are planning for a big worship service at the Lion's Park Band Shell followed by an outdoor, picnic style lunch. These plans are tentative given the ongoing COVID uncertainty but we are excited to find different ways to celebrate all the blessings God has poured down on St. Mark. Watch the weekly email blasts and future Crossbeams for more information.





2021

All In-Person Activities are cancelled or have moved online until further notice.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm Foundaton	2 7pm Worship & Music	3 5:15pm WOW	4 4pm FaithWalk	5	6
7 <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> OnLine Worship on Facebook or YouTube	8	9	10 5:15pm WOW 7pm 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting	11 4pm FaithWalk	12	13 9am Winter Farmers Market
14 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> OnLine Worship on Facebook or YouTube	15	16 6pm Mardi Gras Celebration and Palm Burning on Zoom 7pm Church Council	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> OnLine Worship on Facebook or YouTube 11am Ashes & Communion 7pm Ashes & Communion	18	19	20
21 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> Way of Love: Turn OnLine Worship on Facebook or YouTube	22	23	24 5:15pm WOW 7 pm Midweek Lent Way of Love on Zoom	25 4pm FaithWalk 7pm 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting	26	27 9am Winter Farmers Market
28 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> Way of Love: Pray OnLine Worship on Facebook or YouTube 11am Annual Meeting Q & A Session on Zoom						

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Sunday Worship

Online: Check our Facebook page or our YouTube Channel

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarkLutheranIL/>

YouTube Channel: <https://tinyurl.com/stmarkmpyoutube>.

Youth Christian Education

WOW: Wednesdays 5:15-5:45pm on Zoom

FaithWalk: Thursdays 4:00-5:30pm on Zoom

Adult Christian Education

Dessert Church on Winter Break. Contact the church office to connect.

Church Office Hours

By Appointment only

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