



St. Mark Lutheran Church

# CrossBeams

A publication of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect, Illinois

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Jin's Confirmation



Rylee's Baptism



Godspeed to Henriette



Wow



Feed My Starving Children

B(older) U Afternoon Movie



Sundays @ the Center



PADS Appreciation Dinner





The community at St. Mark makes a difference. It draws people. Helps people. Connects people. Supports people. Comforts people. Community, particularly community centered in Christ, makes a difference. If you, like me, were fortunate enough to hear Ayako and Manabu Saito speak about their

journey to faith and what St. Mark has meant to them in that journey, then you heard how impactful community can be. You heard what a difference it makes in the lives of a young family far away from their extended family.

If you read the Renewal Task Force's first report, you may have noted that community is a key strength here. "Current St. Mark members, staff, and volunteers consistently recognized that relationships, internal community, and service to the greater community were and are important strengths of St. Mark. Several interviewees identified moments in their lives when the church community or pastor played a critical role. Many cited formative experiences in which St. Mark was integral. The sentiment that St. Mark could play a critical role in the future of the greater Mount Prospect community was strong." (St. Mark Renewal Task Force Phase I Report)

St. Mark and its community has made a positive impact in your lives. And yet, there are people in our community who are lacking that experience of community. Young Adults out on their own without a place to belong. Single parents trying to figure out how to make ends meet and care for their children. Young families whose families live far away. Empty Nesters who miss the community of their family unit and the connections they made through it. Aging adults who aren't sure how they can keep accessing the things they need to keep living independently. People need community, and sometimes it is hard to find.

And yet, we have it right here. We are the family of God, the community of Christ, here in this downtown Mount Prospect location, and we have community in Christ to offer to our neighbors. Community that loves across barriers. Community that serves and seeks to meet the needs of those around us. Community that welcomes diverse ideas and people and opinions, even when it is hard. This Christian community is what we have to offer to our neighbors, it is what spurred our discernment of the call to "Be the Community Church."

That is beautiful, and it can also be challenging, just like families are in real life. Sometimes in church we try to sugar coat over the difficult parts of being community, of the dysfunctions that come up even in this big family of God. But the truth is, for all of history, the family of God has been both beautiful and messy, thriving and dysfunctional. Over the next months in worship and in Adult Ed Forum to follow, we will examine the story of the Family of God, as found in Genesis. We will dig in to celebrate the beauty, recognize the dysfunction, and seek to pull from it all guidance on how we can **Grow the Family of God**. I hope you will join us in digging in, in experiencing community, and learning from the biblical story how to do that better.





### Pastor's Corner (continued)

In the meantime, we will continue to work to Grow this Family of God. Here are some ways you can experience community just in this month of June:

- June 4 - Social Justice Group- 3-4:15pm
- June 6 - Caregiver Support, noon
- June 11 - Baptism in worship at 10am, Interfaith Prayer Service at 2pm
- June 14 - Community Meal 6pm
- June 18 - BBQ After Worship
- June 23 - Hymns, Hops and Pops 7pm- Bring Friends!
- June 24 - Wedding of Dee and Peter- RSVP by June 5
- June 25 - Educational Gifts given in worship at 10am, Sundays at the Center at 4pm

Together, we are the community of Christ, together we are the Family of God, beautiful, messy, growing and learning, with God's love at our center.

Peace,  
Pr. Christie



### Update from the Treasurer

Period: Four months ended April 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Difference Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Fund Income	\$150,754	\$146,558	\$4,196
General Fund Expense	\$181,826	\$173,482	(\$8,344)
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$31,072)	(\$26,924)*	(\$4,148)
Benevolence Fund	(\$6,370)		
Net	(\$37,442)		

\* 2023 Budget is not a balanced budget

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Social Justice Group Meeting on

June 4

3-4:15pm

In Sunday worship this Lent we have been learning to sing a new song whose chorus goes: "Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly, with You, God." These words from Micah 6:8 are easy to sing but less easy to practice. The cries for justice are abundant in the world today yet issues such as racism, poverty, homelessness, and homophobia, stubbornly resist a solution. God calls God's people to play a role in addressing social justice but they need to work together to do so. On Sunday, June 4, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the St. Mark Library, we will meet to learn more about God's social justice work. All are welcome. If you have questions, you may direct them to Les Weber, [l-jweber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l-jweber@sbcglobal.net)

## Good News Garage



**Sunday, June 4**—Join us in worship as we hear about the Good News Garage ministry and how you can help.



## St. Mark Foundation Educational Gift Applications

Are you a high school graduate? Are you pursuing further education such as college? If you have not previously received a scholarship or gift from the St. Mark Foundation, we invite you to apply for a St. Mark Foundation Educational Gift. We will award a one-time gift to each student who has graduated high school and is pursuing further education.

Applications are now available from the St. Mark website.



**Applications are due by Monday, June 5, 2023 by 4:00pm.** Completed applications should be emailed to [stmarkmp@stmarkmp.org](mailto:stmarkmp@stmarkmp.org).

Join us in worship on Sunday, June 25 as we give out those Educational Gifts, celebrate Graduations, and pray blessings on those beginning new life chapters. If you have a graduate you would like to have named in worship, please contact Pastor Christie Webb.





**Do.  
Church.  
Anywhere.**

**Worship with us in person  
Sundays at 10am**

**Or Worship online with us  
on Facebook Live at 10am**

[https://www.facebook.com/  
StMarkLutheranIL/](https://www.facebook.com/StMarkLutheranIL/)

then posted later to our YouTube Channel  
[https://tinyurl.com/stmarkmpyoutube.](https://tinyurl.com/stmarkmpyoutube)

We look forward to worshipping with you.



Pr. Christie is preaching at Luther Village on **Wednesday, June 21** at 4pm. Live there already? Join us! Have friends there or just interested in seeing the place? Consider joining us too!



### **Caregiver Support Group**

Are you doing the important and challenging work of providing care for a loved one? Are you looking for mutual support in the midst of that? Join our Caregiver Support Group meeting **Tuesday, June 6** at noon in the Great Room. Bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact Pastor Christie.

**THANK YOU!**

To my St. Mark family -

Thanks so much for your prayers, well-wishes, cards, care, food and friendship during my surgery and recovery. I'm so grateful for you!

Peace, Jeanne Kueter

Dear St. Mark family,

Beautiful birthday flowers were delivered last week while I was in COVID quarantine. The lovely arrangement still blooms brightly. Many thanks for remembering.

Sincerely, Donna Camp

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of yellow flowers. They really helped to brighten a very sad day .

Carole Hauslein

# Women of the ELCA



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### Women's Bible Study

"Listening For The Voice of God"

Led by Deacon Pat Gerber

Subject: "The Holy Spirit"

This Bible Study will meet once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 pm in the Great Room. The final session will be on Monday, June 26.



**THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU...**

### "Rachel's Day Awareness BBQ on May 7, 2023:

We enjoyed a delicious meal, lots of conversation, and assembled 60 Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The total money raised for LSSI is \$375. We appreciate your generous donations. Thank you very much.



On May 20, 2023, nine St. Mark members participated in the Feed My Starving Children event in Schaumburg sponsored by the Metro Chicago Conference and packaged meals for children in need in a 1 ¾ hour packing session. We had a great time and prepared meals for 66 children to eat one meal a day for a COMPLETE YEAR. Fantastic work!



## Thoughts from the Loft

One organ piece I keep coming back to these past few months is the Fugue in C Major by Dieterich Buxtehude (also called the Jigue Fugue). Buxtehude was a predecessor of Bach, and Bach was quite an admirer of his work. At one point Bach traveled 200 miles to north Germany to hear and work with the master Buxtehude. The only problem was Bach told his employer he would be gone for a specified period and didn't return when he said he would. I believe he was reprimanded. Buxtehude's work laid the foundation for much of what Bach wrote and the influence is certainly there. I hope to play some of Buxtehude's music in the month of June. Stay tuned!



Peace,  
Tim

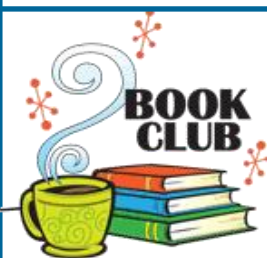


**Fair Trade items  
will be on sale Sunday, June 25  
Coffee, chocolate, olive oil, and more**



Quilters (knotters) will meet at 9:00am on these upcoming dates in the Quilting room (second floor of the Education wing):

**Wednesday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 27.** For more information, please contact Lynn Istwan at 847-253-1715 and leave a message.



### BOOK CLUB

The St. Mark Book Club meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 1pm in the Great Room. We read a variety of books and all are welcome to join us! Here is the 2023 reading list.

Questions??? Contact Nancy Snell at 847-431-9116.

### 2023 Book Selections

**June 26 - *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck**

July 24 - *The Stationery Shop* by Kamali Marjan

August 28 - *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

September 25 - *Foster* by Claire Keegan

October, November - To be announced



# *Interfaith Prayer for Peace and Healing*

**June 11 at 2:00 pm**

**To be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church  
200 S. Wille Street, Mt. Prospect IL 60056  
+1-847-253-0631**

**Sponsored by:  
The Mount Prospect Interfaith Council**  
INVITING ALL ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN US



Lorna Byrne's  
Circle of Light





# PLUG

## INTO FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



### Summer BBQ's are back!

Lunch will be served once a month following worship. Join us on **June 18** to start the summer off right. A free will offering will be collected to help cover expenses. Come by for food, fun and fellowship! Anyone interested in assisting with the BBQs or providing a salad or dessert for any of these BBQs, please contact Kim Perlich (847) 867-3932.

Future BBQ dates: July 9 & August 13



### Hymns, Hops, and Pops Friday, June 23, 2023

7 pm at the Center

Join us as we sing along with Tim to our favorite hymns while enjoying a beverage or two and snacks. Bring a friend!

## Growing the Family of God: Summer Adult Education

By: Deacon David



You are invited to our summer Adult Education series: “Growing the Family of God.” Each week during worship we will hear one of the stories from Genesis and reflect on how God chose to live and work within the beautiful and messy dynamics of our family life. After worship we will gather for an hour of conversation, story sharing, and Bible study as we deepen our reflection on the themes we encountered during worship.

Our summer series will give us the chance to reflect on how God has been present in our family life, our community life, and within the St. Mark community. We will examine how our stories are part of God’s story. There’s no need to sign up or come each week. You can attend when you are available. (The group will not meet on June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> when we gather for Fellowship BBQs after church.).

Follow St. Mark’s Facebook page for more reflections on “Growing the Family of God” throughout June and July.



In thanksgiving for fathers, uncles, brothers, mentors and friends, St. Mark has given a gift to the Good News Garage ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Plaines to support the work they do. Thank you for all the work that you do to make the world a better place.



## METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

In Jesus' Name. Proclaim the Gospel. **Make Disciples.** Do Justice.

1 PETER 4:10-11

#GoodStewardship



On Saturday, June 3, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly will meet. Please keep their work in your prayers and pray for safe travel there and back for our church representatives in attendance.

**BE A SUPERHERO FOR THE HOMELESS**

**JOURNEYS | The Road Home**  
**SUPERHERO**



**Saturday June 17 | Deer Grove East**  
[www.journeystheroadhome.org](http://www.journeystheroadhome.org)

Join JOURNEYS | The Road Home for our  
**10th Annual Superhero 5K**

1K Fun-Run and Virtual 5K also available  
**Saturday, June 17th**  
Deer Grove East  
Palatine, IL

Use the QR code or visit our website to register today!

Sponsorship opportunities open now!




### The Wedding of Peter J. Uccio & Donniece (Dee) A. Rountree

The St Mark congregation is invited to come & witness the union of Peter J. Uccio & Donniece A. Roundtree on **Saturday, June 24, 2023** at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary.

A reception will follow the ceremony in Fellowship Hall. **RSVP by June 5, 2023.** To RSVP or for more information, please contact Dee at 224-844-8409.

## June and July Community Meal and Sundays at the Center

### Community Meal - Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM



From 5-6pm: Sprinklers, Water Games, and Activities to Cool Off With.

6-7pm Dinner: Seafood Bake: Salmon, Shrimp, Potatoes, Corn, Squash, Zucchini, Onions, Tomatoes, Peppers and Sausage. (shellfish allergies will be considered). S'Mores Bar

PLEASE RSVP TO DEACON DAVE IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND

### Sundays at the Center - Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 4-6PM



**Sundays @  
The Center**

*Family, Faith, Friends, and Community*

**Theme:** Growing

**Dinner:** We'll fire up the grills, you're invited to bring anything you want to grill (we'll have extra hot dogs). Salad and dessert will be provided.

**Service Project:** You can bring any of the items listed below for donation to Journeys. After worship you'll have the chance to put together a kit of items you can handout to those who are experiencing homelessness or financial hardship (personal hygiene items, candy, snacks, gift cards, and other gifts that will share your love with your neighbors).

Open Gym for High Schoolers.



## Community Meal - Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM at the Chicago Dogs Game



We'll carpool and meet at Impact Field in Rosemont for 9 innings of fun. **RSVP by June 19<sup>th</sup>** to guarantee your spot. More info on ticket prices to follow (Our best guess is between \$10-\$17 depending on how many people sign up). You don't want to miss a night out at the ball game!

## Sundays at the Center, July 16<sup>th</sup> 4-6PM National Ice Cream Day



**Theme:** Working Together

**Dinner:** We'll fire up the grills, you're invited to bring anything you want to grill (we'll have extra hot dogs). Salad and dessert will be provided. And in this case dessert will be a giant sundae as long as a table that we work together to make.

**Service Project:** You can bring any of the items listed below for donation to Journeys. After worship you'll have the chance to put together a kit of items you can handout to those who are experiencing homelessness or financial hardship (personal hygiene items, candy, snacks, gift cards, and other gifts that will share your love with your neighbors). Open Gym for High Schoolers

# Secretary of State Mobile Services

## Driver and Vehicle Services Facility

**CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED**

### Services We Provide:

- **Real ID ★**  
(DL & ID Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)
- **Driver's License**  
(Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)
- **State Identification Card**  
(First time, Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)
- **Vehicle Registration Stickers**  
(Registration expiring within the current year)
- **Organ & Tissue Donor / Voter Registration**  
(Only with License or ID Application)

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Village of Mount Prospect**

Farley Community Room

50 S. Emerson St.

Mount Prospect, IL 60056

### Acceptable Forms of Payment:

- **Visa, Mastercard, AMEX, Discover Credit and Debit Cards**  
(All Credit or Debit payments incur a transaction fee)
- **Personal Check / Money Order**  
(Must be exact amount with date of transaction / not post-dated)

### Acceptable Forms of Identification:

All acceptable documents presented for verification or proof must be valid, current and not expired. You must provide acceptable identification to verify your name, date of birth, Illinois residency, Social Security number and Signature.

**Below are some examples of acceptable documents.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IL Driver's License</li> <li>• US Voter Card</li> <li>• DD-214</li> <li>• US Resident Card</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IL State ID Card</li> <li>• Credit / Debit Card</li> <li>• Bank Statement</li> <li>• Valid US Immigration Documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Passport</li> <li>• Social Security Card</li> <li>• US Birth Certificate</li> <li>• W-2</li> </ul>
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FULL LIST OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS ON [WWW.ILSOS.GOV](http://WWW.ILSOS.GOV)

State Law allows early renewal of DL and ID up to one year in advance

Seniors aged 65 and older are eligible for a No-Fee State ID Card

We are unable to administer written or road exams if required.

**Office of the Illinois Secretary of State**

[www.ilsos.gov](http://www.ilsos.gov)





# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Synod Assembly 6:30pm Nibblers
4 <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i> 10am Worship in the Sanctuary & Live on Facebook Later posted on YouTube 11am Adult Ed Forum 3pm Social Justice	5	6 12pm Caregiver Support 2:30pm Foundation	7 10am Adult Education	8	9	10
11 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10am Worship in the Sanctuary & Live on Facebook Later posted on YouTube 11am Adult Ed Forum 2pm Interfaith Prayer Service	12	13 7pm Worship & Music	14 Community Meal 5pm Water Play 6pm Dinner	15	16	17 2pm Private Party
18 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 10am Worship in the Sanctuary & Live on Facebook Later posted on YouTube 11am Summer BBQ	19	20 7pm Church Council	21 9am Quilting 4pm Pr. Christie preaches at Luther Village	22	23 7pm Hymns, Hops & Pops	24 1pm Wedding & Reception of Donniece (Dee) Roundtree and Peter Uccio
25 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10am Worship in the Sanctuary & Live on Facebook Later posted on YouTube 11am Adult Ed Forum Fair Trade Items on Sale 4pm Sundays @ the Center	26 1pm Book Club 7pm Women's Bible Study	27 9am Quilting	28	29	30	

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**June 2023**



**2023-24**

**Church Council**

Nancy Snell, President  
Eve Smith, VP  
Marilyn Gosell, Treasurer  
Barb Bloomquist, Secretary

Andy Goodrich  
Mike Haase  
Kim Perlich  
Paul Post  
Dianne Quast  
Kai Saito  
Dolores Uddenberg

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**Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Christie Webb	<a href="mailto:cwebb@stmarkmp.org">cwebb@stmarkmp.org</a>
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Youth & Family Ministry	Deacon David Webb	<a href="mailto:dwebb@stmarkmp.org">dwebb@stmarkmp.org</a>

**Sunday Worship: 10am In person and on Facebook Live  
then posted later to YouTube**

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 - Programming August—May**

WOW (3yrs through 5th grade): Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

FaithWalk: Mondays 4:30-6pm

2 classes: 3rd thorough 5th grade &

6th through 8th grade (Confirmation)

High School Leadership Development: Tuesdays 3:30-5pm

Contact Deacon David for all Youth Program details

**Adult Christian Education**

Sundays following worship

**Church Office Hours**

M-Th 8:30am-4:30pm, F 8:30am-12noon

Call ahead to be sure someone will be available to greet you.

**St. Mark Preschool & Enrichment Center**

847/873-1110

Website: [stmarkpreschoolcares.org](http://stmarkpreschoolcares.org)

Preschool Director     Allison Finnegan     [afinnegan@stmarkpreschoolmp.org](mailto:afinnegan@stmarkpreschoolmp.org)



**St. Mark**  
**Lutheran Church**

*Nourishing God's People ~ Body, Mind, & Spirit*

*Inspiring Worship • Meaningful Ministry • Deepening Faith • Caring Community*