



St. Mark Lutheran Church

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St. Mark Graduate Profiles



Ryann Harold

Hi, my name is Ryann Harold and I'm a senior at Prospect High School. I've played soccer at Prospect for all four years. I'm also involved in club soccer outside of school. I've really enjoyed my time at Prospect. I've made many lifelong friendships. My favorite high school memories include going to games, eating lunch with my friends, and participating in clubs. Next year I'm going to the University of Missouri to study political science and maybe psychology, too. I would then like to continue on to law school and I also hope to travel the world. Through my career I hope to change people's lives for the better, and through traveling I want to experience many different cultures. Although I'm sad my time at Prospect got cut short, I'm very grateful for the amazing 3.75 years I've had, and I can't wait to see what the future will bring.



Henriette Hukporti

I'm Henriette Hukporti, a senior at Rolling Meadows High School. It has been such a blessing to be a part of a family of faith and watch my family live a life loving God and helping others. My Dad's journey of faith as a pastor has been an inspiration for me. Being a member of St. Mark has also been very significant for me. Celebrating baptisms, leading worship, serving communion, and celebrating family milestones have shaped my life. I am continuing my educational and faith journey at Harper College next year as I pursue a degree in Religion and Psychology. I hope to one day be an Air Force Chaplain.



Emily Mockenhaupt

Hello! I'm Emily Mockenhaupt., a senior at Prospect High school. I have had the absolute best experience growing up and going to school and church. I have been so lucky to have grown up with such amazing people in such an amazing place. I have learned so much from everybody around me and am confident and so happy to say that I will always have a loving community at St. Mark to come home to! Although I am so sad to be saying goodbye, I am very excited for the future. Next year I will be attending Drake University to study secondary special education. I can't wait to pursue my goals and dreams, but I will always be so thankful for what St. Mark and my community has given me.

If you would like to send notes of congratulations or encouragement to graduates, send cards to their attention to church... for example: St. Mark Lutheran Church, c/o Ms. Ryann Harold, 200 S. Wille St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 If you would like to highlight a graduate, send Deacon David an email with your graduate's information. Stay tuned for more graduate profiles!



The other day the Outgoing Council and Incoming Council held our transition meeting over Zoom. (You can teach us all new tricks!) As we gathered I asked everyone to share in one word how they are feeling/ where

they are in the midst of this pandemic crisis. Answers ranged from hopeful to anxious, calm to sorrowful. **If you were to name how you are in the midst of this pandemic crisis in one word, what word would you use?** The word that I shared was

sorrowful. I have deep sorrow that the way I want to do things that are important to me are not possible in the ways they were. I can't be with people who are dying or grieving the death of a loved one in the ways I want to, the ways I feel most able to support and be a calming reminder of God's love. I can't celebrate 3 year old's birthdays in the ways I want, with family visiting and friends able to play. I feel sorrow for that. It was important and helpful for me to name that, just as it is important and helpful for you to name how you are feeling.

It is also important to realize that I don't have to stay in that sorrowful place, that I will move in and out of it, just as you will move in and out of however you are feeling about all this too. Some days I don't feel sorrowful. I feel hopeful and excited instead. Today is a hopeful and excited day. For you see, though we don't get to proceed with ministry in the ways that we have, there are so many great ways that we get to explore ministry differently. There are new things starting, new possibilities in front of us.

One of the things I've always wanted to try is ministry online through Zoom calls and videos and reaching people wherever they are in their lives at all different times of their week. And here we are, a month into that kind of ministry. There has been a lot of learning. There has been the discovery of new gifts and talents in the people I work with. There has been a connection forged with people who live far away, but can now tune in to worship with us. It is missing things (like all getting to say the Lord's Prayer together, with all our voices present, which I didn't realize I missed until praying that prayer in that way at the end of our Council meeting brought me to tears). But, it is also teaching us things and giving us new perspectives.

We also find ourselves in that time of welcoming a new Council and Exec Board. I'm sad to say farewell to our outgoing council members Gina Dahlgren, Kathie Hetland and Emily Mockenhaupt, and I will miss Gina's leadership as president. But I'm also excited and hopeful for what lays ahead, for the people joining council: Judy Fell, Diane Luper, Sue Supergan, and for the new Exec Board we elected: Jill Permanian as President, Kevin Lang as Vice President, Dave Okon as Secretary, and Doug Trezise as Treasurer. I'm excited to see where this leadership group will take us, how God is providing for just this time and place through their gifts.

And friends, perhaps most exciting is that we are embarking on a new adventure together as we welcome an intern from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Christina Johnson will join us for an 8 month part time internship, starting this month. I'm excited to venture into the waters of supervising an intern for the first time. I'm also really excited and hopeful for the gifts that Christina brings, especially her interest in evangelism, connecting church to community, and spirituality, things that match well the goals that are emerging in our Vision Team work. It isn't an easy or clear road before us to

How are you feeling today?



Good



Not well

welcome an intern in the midst of a pandemic, but I'm certain that we can together support her in becoming more and more the pastor she is called to be. You all do this well, I know because I received the same gift from you as your intern over 7 years ago.

Friends, the other day, I was full of sorrow, today I am full of hope and excitement, tomorrow- who knows how I will feel, or how you will feel. The important thing is to acknowledge where we are in the moment, work with it, and know that God will lead us through it and into the next. As Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Thanks be to God.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Christie



Thoughts from the Loft

One of my favorite Easter hymns is *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*, ELW #619. The text is a direct reference from Job 19: 25: "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth". This hymn is eight verses long. Each stanza gives us a promise of how Jesus lives in our daily lives. Whether it be comfort in times of sorrow, a friendly guide, or a trusting king, Jesus lives and that is a reason to sing. We can sing with all the saints of earth: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"



A blessed Easter season to you all!

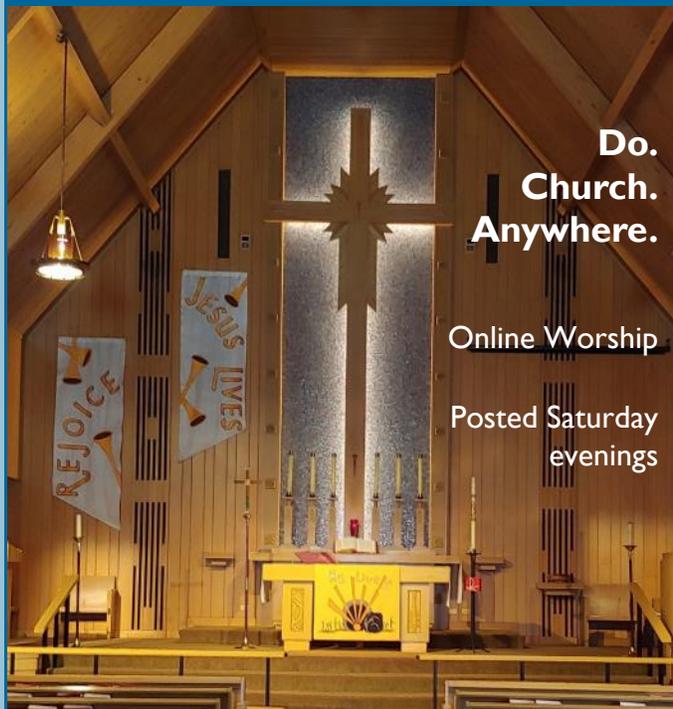
Tim



★ As we prepare for Pentecost, how has the Holy Spirit lit a fire in you in/through your star word? What new thing has it inspired you to do?*

*In January we received star words as part of our Epiphany Celebration. Each month a new prompt will be included in the newsletter.

Need a star word? Have a reflection you want to share? Contact Pastor Christie.



**Do.
Church.
Anywhere.**

Online Worship

Posted Saturday
evenings

Worship online with us. Visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StMarkLutheranIL/> as well as our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7y01IbwvkOPTMwRALoFVHQ?app=desktop>.



Join us for dessert and conversation over Zoom on Wednesdays at 7pm. You provide the dessert and we will provide the questions for conversation. We hope you will try out this fun way to connect with our community in this time of physical social distancing. To access the conversation click this link: <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/839753531> or to dial in by phone, call: 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 839 753 531 Join the conversation!

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

CALENDAR

**All events postponed
until further notice.**



We really miss seeing everyone at church, at women's events and around town!

Ladies' Night Out at the Movies
and

Rachel's Day

will be rescheduled when it is determined that we can come together again.

Until then,
be safe and stay well;
wash your hands, wear your masks,
and keep your social distance;
pray for those fighting Covid-19,
for those who have lost loved ones,
for those facing financial hardships,
for health workers, public servants,
and essential workers who are
doing their best to keep our lives
going,
and for our St. Mark staff.

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!!



PADS UPDATE

by Mike Mokate, a St. Mark Site Director

St Mark has provided shelter to homeless guests through the PADS program for nearly 30 years. Each Monday night from October through April, we host 50-65 guests – providing them with shelter for the night, dinner, breakfast and a sack lunch. This is an effort involving nearly 100 volunteers each year.

St Mark is one of many local churches who work together to provide shelter each night for this vulnerable population. This network of churches works in conjunction with the Journeys the Road Home organization (based in Palatine) to make this possible. This year, Journeys and these churches have been providing support for about 100 people – including several families.

This spring, our normal PADS schedule was disrupted by the COVID-19 crisis. In late March, all the churches had to make the tough decision to suspend the normal sheltering program – in respect of the stay at home orders and to protect the health and safety of our guests and our volunteers. St Mark hosted our last night of PADS for this season on March 23.

Fortunately, Journeys has been able (with a great deal of support from the Clerics of St Viator among many others) to raise the funds to shelter these homeless guests in two local hotels for the months of April and May. However, this left an enormous challenge – how to provide about 2100 meals per week for these people. Journeys and the churches have worked together to respond to this challenge. St Mark and our supporters have been big contributors to this success story. Through April, we have delivered 660 meals. We are scheduled to provide about 1150 meals before the end of May.

Here are some highlights of how many people and organizations have all pulled together to achieve this:

- We raised \$1745 in contributions from St Mark parishioners, members of nearby churches and other members of the Mt Prospect community. This included contributions from the St Raymond Spirituality Circle and the Mt Prospect Junior Women's club.
- Pastor Christie obtained a grant through the ELCA World Hunger Initiative which provided \$1600 in funding.
- Early on, we partnered with Mrs. P & Me restaurant to provide some dinners at a discounted price. This was intended to support our homeless guests as well as a local business during this challenging time. A loyal Mrs. P & Me customer, Allie Frystak, heard of this partnership and created a challenge for her friends on Facebook. She started a campaign call Feed the 56 (56 is for the last two digits of the Mt Prospect zip code). In this campaign, her family offered to donate the money to provide for 28 dinners if her friends would match this and provide 28 more dinners. The emphasis was on supporting our guests, a local charity and a local business. This campaign far exceeded all expectations and raised over \$3000.
- Chris Bozonelos, the manager at Mrs. P & Me, and his staff have been tremendous partners and will provide about 470 dinners before the end of May.
- Outback Steakhouse, Submarine Express, LePeep and Fellini Restaurant have also been great partners in providing lunches or dinners to support this effort.
- The Turkish American Society of Chicago has provided two dinners for about 35 guests each night.
- Frank and Katy DeGeorge, Susan and James Osiol, John and Kristin D'Ambrosia and their families each provided the funds for one night's dinner for 35 guests.
- Our regular food coordinators (Marilyn Gosell, Maura Reschke and Beth Freeman) have worked with friends and families to prepare 30-35 breakfasts and lunches each Monday for the two months. St Phillip Church has provided breakfast and lunch one Monday of each month.
- Ben from the Turkish American Society and Rebecca Blazek (with her boyfriend Vinnie) have ensured the delivery of each meal we provide directly to the door of each guest at the hotels (all while keeping their social distance).

This is a wonderful example of many people and local businesses pulling together to accomplish things that once seemed nearly impossible. There are many people not named here who contributed time or treasure to this effort. Every contribution has made a difference. Thank you to everyone.





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Mount Prospect Historical Society

INCREASE YOUR MOUNT PROSPECT KNOWLEDGE WHILE YOU ARE OUT "COVID-19" WALKING

The Mount Prospect Historical Society is hoping to add some historic interest to residents' neighborhood walks during this COVID-19 pandemic. They have put together five different neighborhood walking tours, highlighting historic homes that have been featured on their Holiday Housewalks over the past 32 years.

The tours cover 36 homes and other attractions in the Triangle neighborhood; 16 houses north of the Mount Prospect Post Office; 24 homes and churches in the neighborhood just south of the tracks; and 20 houses and other attractions, each, in both the Mt. Prospect Country Club area and the neighborhood south of Mrs. P & Me and the Route 83 S-curve.

Each tour includes an annotated neighborhood map and brief descriptions of the featured homes and attractions. Interspersed photos assist in keeping walkers on track.

"We had this wonderful collection of local information and figured this would be the perfect time to share it with people who suddenly have extra time on their hands. Instead of counting fire hydrants when you walk, you can stop and educate yourself and your children about these lovely homes," explained Jean Murphy, Housewalk co-chairman and Society vice president.

Visit www.mtphist.org to print out the tour(s) of your choice or point your cell phone at the QR code on the lawn signs in the various neighborhoods. You can find the signs at the Society, St. Paul Lutheran Church, the St. Paul Cemetery (north of the Mount Prospect Post Office), Lions Park, St. Mark Lutheran Church, St. Raymond Catholic Church and the Mt. Prospect Country Club.

The Mount Prospect Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is committed to preserving the history of Mount Prospect, Illinois, through artifacts, photographs and both oral and written memories of current and former residents and business people. On its campus in the heart of the Village, the Society maintains the 1906 Dietrich Friedrichs house museum carriage house, the ADA-accessible Dolores Haugh Education Center and the 1896 one-room Central School.

The Little Things and Knowing Jesus in a New Way

Deacon David Webb

At the beginning of Coronavirus-Season, I read a message from a local restaurant that has been really helpful for me. It said: "Friends and customers, just know that every little thing you do to support us makes a huge difference. Every single purchase, note of encouragement, smile, or wave makes a huge difference in our day and our ability to help others."

That's been my experience too, during shelter in place. Every prayer, note, wave, honk, smile, email, offer to help, song, phone call, text message, silent well wish, Facebook like, or other means of encouragement has made a huge difference in my life. But actually, and more importantly, it has made a huge difference in the life of the community and in the world. Those small things are not small things, they are the things that make us the literal Body of Christ in the world.

During Easter we say that we come to know Jesus in a new way in the resurrection life. This year I am coming to know the Jesus that appears to us in the hugely, massively important small things that people are doing for one another that are holding this world together and adorning it with heavenly beauty. Amen.



Attend Abraham's Tent Virtual Iftar Conversation!



As the Holy Month of Ramadan approaches, Niagara Foundation invites you to attend a virtual family iftar dinner!

This month represents a time of fasting, charity, prayer, and unity. Individuals from different religious and cultural communities come together to break fast and engage in friendly dialogue, resulting in a more comprehensive understanding and respect for other religious traditions. We believe this is an important opportunity for people from different faith communities to become closer to each other.

Due to the COVID 19-pandemic, this year, Niagara Foundation would like to facilitate virtual gatherings during the holy month of Ramadan by matching Muslims and non-Muslim families and individuals for the observance of this religious tradition and meaningful connections.

Virtual iftar dinner will be hosted on Zoom and starts with conversation 30 minutes before the iftar dinner. It will continue with iftar prayer and finalize with breaking the fast. Host and guest will have flexibility to arrange their program. This is a wonderful experience. Anyone is welcome, regardless of their faith. You do not need to fast in order to attend the virtual gathering.

RSVP at niagrafoundation.org before May 15th.



Welcome Christina Johnson, St. Mark's new Intern

Christina M. Johnson was born and raised on the Northwest side of Chicago in the neighborhood named Forest Glenn, and for the past 13 years resides in beautiful Mount Prospect, IL. After college, she worked for Lutheran Special Education Ministries at Concordia College, IL as a Development Coordinator who raised funds for Special Ed children to be able to stay in the Lutheran School system. Having worked several years there, she became the Program Associate, DEM Relationships/Behavioral Interview process in the ELCA's Domestic Mission Unit, including Congregation-based Community Organizing. She is currently enrolled at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, pursuing her Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree. She has four grown boys and is enjoying seeing them grow in their spirituality, work, and life. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, riding her bike and playing tennis.

Stay tuned for ways to welcome and get to know Christina!



2020-21 Church Council

Jill Permanian—President
Kevin Lang—VP
Dave Okon—Secretary
Doug Trezise—Treasurer

Council Member and Ministry

Janet Adams—Outreach
Bob Allgaier—Adult Education
Judy Fell—Congregational Care
Kevin Lang—Worship & Music
Diane Luper—Fellowship
Jill Permanian—Outreach
Paul Post—Property
Sue Supergan—Stewardship
Julie Wenzel—Communications

Let us remember our leaders
in our prayers.





We encourage you to continue your regular giving at this time of remote gathering to help us meet our regular expense obligations. Several options are available, including using Bill Pay or Zelle which are offered by many banks, or using regular mail. The benefit of these options is that they do not typically have an associated cost to the church. Simply Giving is another option that has been used by many members, but it does have an associated cost. Please contact Nancy Hundley at (815) 261-2570 or nhundley@stmarkmp.org if you would like help setting up any of these giving methods.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Doug Trezise, Treasurer - St. Mark Lutheran Church

**FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF MARCH 31, 2020**

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT SUMMARY

INCOME	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Offerings – General Fund	\$90,274	\$104,775	(\$14,501)
Bequest Fund Transfers	\$0	\$7,855	(\$7,855)
Administrative	\$16,976	\$17,205	(\$230)
Ministries	\$221	\$525	(\$304)
TOTAL INCOME	\$107,471	\$130,360	(\$22,889)
EXPENSES			
Administrative	\$13,084	\$14,318	(\$1,234)
Compensation/Benefits	\$77,970	\$86,692	(\$8,723)
Property	\$27,670	\$24,663	\$3,007
Ministries	\$2,829	\$4,687	(\$1,858)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$121,552	\$130,360	(\$8,808)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$14,082)	(\$0)	

CAPITAL/MAINTENANCE FUND STATEMENT

INCOME	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Offerings – Capital Fund	\$8,210	\$6,250	\$1,960
Administrative – Investment Income	\$150	\$200	(\$50)
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,360	\$6,450	\$1,910
EXPENSES			
Church Capital Expense	\$0	\$1,250	(\$1,250)
Roof Restoration	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0	\$1,250	(\$1,250)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$8,360	\$5,200	

BENEVOLENCE FUND STATEMENT

INCOME	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Offerings – Benevolence Fund	\$13,637	\$13,000	\$637
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,637	\$13,000	\$637
EXPENSES			
Metro Chicago Synod	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
St. Mark Foundation	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$637	(\$0)	



St. Mark Foundation Educational Gift Applications

Are you a graduating high school senior? 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 available from the St. Mark website, www.stmarkmp.org, as of Monday, April 13. Applications are due by Monday, May 11, 2020 by 4:00 pm. Completed applications can be emailed to stmarkmp@stmarkmp.org.

Mask Ministry

In the midst of this pandemic, Dianne Quast had the idea to start a mask ministry-supplying masks to people who need them. She connected with her neighbor Bozena, as well as Kim Perlich, who make the masks. Dianne is supplied with fabric by some generous friends, and has received elastic from two cleaners. As masks are completed, Dianne and Dick Quast arrange to have them picked up from their socially distanced mailbox, or drop them off to those who can't get out to get them. At this time, about 90-95 masks have been distributed. More elastic is needed, so if you have any to supply, please contact Dianne. Also if you are in need of a mask, please contact Dianne at 847.635.7773.



New Mailbox

Since the church office does not have regular office hours during this time, we have installed a mailbox at the Evergreen Entrance. You may drop off offering, communications, etc. in this box, as it is locked. It is checked regularly.



2020

All In-Person Worship, Activities and Meeting are canceled until further notice.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> On Line Worship on Facebook or YouTube	4	5	6 7pm Dessert Church on Zoom	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> On Line Worship on Facebook or YouTube	11	12	13 7pm Dessert Church on Zoom	14	15	16
17 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> On Line Worship on Facebook or YouTube	18	19	20 7pm Dessert Church on Zoom	21	22	22
24 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> On Line Worship on Facebook or YouTube	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27 7pm Dessert Church on Zoom	28	29	30
31 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> On Line Worship on Facebook or YouTube						

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Sunday Worship

Chapel Service: 8 am

Worship Service: 10 am

Youth Christian Education (Sept. – May)

Wednesday

Thursday

WOW (3 yrs through 5th grade) FaithWalk (Confirmation 6-8th grade)

4:30-6:00 pm

4:30-6:00 pm

Adult Christian Education

Bible Study Wednesday 11:00 am (During Lent at Noon)

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

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