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# The Messenger

Sometimes the news can really get to you. Sometimes it is easy to feel like the mountain you face, or the mountain we face as a nation right now, is insurmountable. It is in these moments that I am appreciative of history. We can look back and see that God has cared for us, and trust that God will continue to do so.



We can do this in the bible. At our second parking lot service, we focused on the words from Isaiah 51:1a-2 "Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth." This is a reminder from the prophet that our spiritual heritage has a long-reaching arm back into history, but that we can consider ourselves cut from the same rock as Abraham, Sarah, David, Peter, Mary, and Christ. The Bible preserves the record of how they struggled against barrenness and disappointment, warring nations and personal errors, judgment and fear, even death. But the Bible also preserves the record of how those struggles were overcome through faith. As we are the same "stuff" as our biblical ancestors, we also rely on the same God.

We can also look to history that is closer at hand. A few weeks back, a generous congregant lent me "A Centennial Retrospective," the hundred-year history of St. Mark's. Published by the church in 1993, almost another 30 years of history has passed since it was written. Did you know that St. Mark's has already lived through one pandemic? March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894 was the first worship service of our church ancestors, twenty-four years before the Spanish Flu of 1918. Not only a pandemic, but the Great Depression, two World Wars, influxes of members, outflows of members, high times, low times, Vietnam, meeting in an airport, breaking ground on a new building, an entire language switch, and so much more. The community of St. Mark's has weathered the storm and has consistently given of itself, its resources, and its care to the community and beyond. Consider the quarry that you come from. You of the parking lot services of 2020 are made of the same stuff as the Finns who gave people communion through windows in 1918.

Finally, you can look at your own history. Where has God upheld you in your life? What are the valleys of your life where you can look back in hindsight and say "God was there."

Ultimately, I am proud of us. We are rising up to support one another. Gathering is happening, even if it looks different. Sunday School is happening, even if it looks different. Fellowship, youth group, nature walks, Taizé service, small groups; they are all here, even if they look a little quirky compared to what we are used to. The whole world looks a little wonky at the moment.



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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*Come celebrate the gift of  
Jesus Christ. Grow together in  
faith and love.  
Share the Good !*



**October Birthdays**

10/02 Katherine Congdon  
 10/03 Evelyn Fontana  
 10/03 Megan Wells  
 10/04 Mark Ahonen  
 10/04 Katherine Haapanen  
 10/04 Lise Myllymaki  
 10/05 Robbyn McFadden  
 10/06 Loren Lundtveit  
 10/06 Rebekah Solava  
 10/07 Laila Maki  
 10/09 Scott Epker  
 10/10 Ben Haapanen  
 10/12 Pamela Hurley  
 10/16 Eric Aho  
 10/16 Jodi Hopkins  
 10/17 Logan Schroetter  
 10/17 Morgan Schroetter  
 10/20 Dylan Schroetter  
 10/22 Eric Baehr  
 10/22 Jonathon Haapanen  
 10/23 Bonnie Lepisto  
 10/24 Laverne Laine  
 10/25 Judith Reinier  
 10/28 Patricia Flaminio  
 10/28 Jeanie Kasper  
 10/30 Earleen Constantino

**October Anniversaries**

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Georgi & Kristen Trukov | 10/04 |
| Davis & Sharon Chand    | 10/04 |
| Erik & Angie Solita     | 10/06 |
| Ritva & Aaro Illi       | 10/09 |
| Timothy & Sally Ammons  | 10/09 |
| Andrew & Kim Haapanen   | 10/11 |
| Chris & Lynn Schroetter | 10/12 |
| Susan & John Sedej      | 10/12 |
| Carrie & Dave Steckl    | 10/15 |
| Mauro & Kim Puccini     | 10/17 |

***We thank the people who have memorialized these friends and loved ones for their generosity.***

**The following gifts were given in Memory of:**

|                          |                                                       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Aira Puistolahi:</b>  | <b>Arnold Aho</b>                                     |
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| <b>Neil Otterbacher:</b> | <b>Ardene Flahavin</b>                                |



If your name/s have not appeared in recognition of your birthday, wedding anniversary or a memorial gift, please contact the church office. We want to include all celebrations and memorials. 847-623-5135

***Come as You Are, Whoever You Are***

Everyone is welcome at St. Mark's, no matter what you have done, what has been done to you, what darkness or struggles you have faced, and regardless of whether you have been marginalized by society or denied involvement by other churches. All are worthy of God's love and grace. We celebrate diversity, and seek to be inclusive of every race, ethnicity, faith background, age, economic status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental ability, or anything else that divides us. Christ's church is not ours to control, nor is it our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. But it is our place to love all our neighbors, aid the less fortunate, and to be a voice on their behalf. Welcome!

***"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7***

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From Minister Cranmer

We are Abraham and Sarah launching out into lands unknown, we are the Finnish church that broke ground and added an English service to outreach to the community around us, and all of this 2020 wonky-ness is going to make for a very fine entry in our 200-year history of St. Mark's book. In fact, like so much of the history in our Centennial book, it will probably be a passing few lines before we are on to the next thing.



## Looking for Volunteers.....

St Mark's has been researching to fill various current openings in our volunteer staff. Two immediate needs are as follows:

- ◆ We need a representative to the COOL Board. The COOL board members serve three-year terms and are limited to serving two consecutive terms (just like St. Mark's Council members).
- ◆ We also need a Mission Interpreter. (Erv Uhlman was the last person who served in this capacity.)

There are various other positions which are being reviewed at the current time, and pending initial consultations with prospective participants, may be included in future requests.



## COOL FOOD PANTRY

FOOD OF THE MONTH:

Breakfast items



### Notice — Upcoming key date reminders!

- ◆ Sunday 10/04— **10 AM** Parking Lot  
Worship Service (social distancing required)
- ◆ Sunday 10/11—**10 AM** On Line Worship
- ◆ Thursday 10/15 — **7 PM** Taize On Line  
Worship Service
- ◆ Sunday 10/18— **10 AM** Parking Lot  
Worship Service (social distancing required)
- ◆ Sunday 10/25—**10 AM** On Line Worship

Going forward, as long as the weather remains good, the intention is to conduct the 10 AM Parking Lot worship service's on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month. For questions, please call or email the church office or Minister Cranmer.

## **Fall Congregational meeting—Sunday October 25th, Online, via Zoom**

Following Sunday worship on October 25th, we will be conducting our annual "fall" Congregational meeting using the Zoom App. The meeting will begin at approx. 11:00 am. Information on the meeting agenda and on how to access the meeting will be sent out via Email, prior to the meeting date.

## Stephen Ministry

Spiritual wellbeing during a Time  
of Global Pandemic

### Looking to the Good

*...and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

Romans 5:5

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know." –A.A. Milne

We need God and we need one another during this time of a Global pandemic! The pain is real, physically, emotionally, and spiritually during this time of great loss and suffering.



But we have God in our corner! He has gifted us with strength and hope and love to survive through these terrible times, and is present with us always. We need to pull together for the benefit of everyone. Our spirit grows as we notice the good around us, even in difficult times as now.

There ARE some positives in the time of crisis. Jill Suttie, Psy.D. states that contrary to popular belief, crises often tend to bring out the best in people. A report that looked at how people responded during the September 11<sup>th</sup> Twin Tower attacks showed that people bent over backwards to help others escape, sometimes at great personal risk to themselves.

Dr. Suttie continues: "Look to the heroes. There will always be heroic efforts in a disaster—people who sacrifice themselves for the good of others. Think of the health care workers who are treating people infected with this virus at great personal risk. Or those infected with the virus who voluntarily isolate themselves for weeks to protect the public."



She explains that when we hear stories of these heroes, we feel what is called moral elevation—a warm feeling inside that inspires us, fueling optimism and a desire to act altruistically ourselves. While the temptation might be to focus on fear and everything going wrong, we can redirect our attention to those who are doing the right thing, which will lead us to be better citizens ourselves.

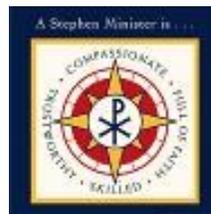
Being grateful for the beauty of the world is a way to find peace and joy. Meditating can take our minds off the noisy world and reconnect with the stillness around us. Even while walking we can meditate and feel God's creation around us. When you connect to nature you find the bounty of God's love all around you. Paul Cotter wrote, "For me, nature provides a unique opportunity to reconnect with the stillness inside, which is the source of our deepest wisdom." Prayer, and especially contemplative prayer, can calm us and renew us.

For Br. David Steindl-Rast, OSB, "God's inexhaustible poetry" comes to him in five languages: seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting. There is garden in the hermitage where he lives where he grows jasmine, pineapple mint, sage, thyme, and eight kinds of lavender. Although we may not have an abundant garden such as his, he suggests we all need to somehow set aside a time and a place for the kind of experience he feels in his garden. It is a necessity in everyone's life, not a luxury.

"What comes alive in those moments is more than eyes or ears; our heart listens and rises to respond... As we learn to really look with our eyes, we begin to look with our hearts also." --Brother David

Let us appreciate all that God has given us.

God's grace and love be with you,

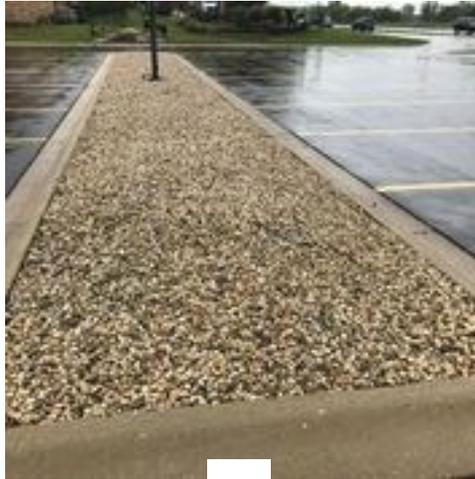


Jill Shepherd  
Stephen Leader



## The Scout's have done it again !!

The Property and Grounds Team, and the Church Council would like to offer our sincere thanks to Evan Lundtveit, and his “army” of helpers who during a rainy Saturday 9-12-2020, helped to clean up, beautify and “re-landscape” many of the exterior areas around the church. This work included: 12 tons of decorative stone for the parking lot islands, two new trees, new mulch, removing and cleaning flower beds, filling low areas around the back of the building, and leveling an air conditioner condenser, just to name a few. Our sincere “Thanks” to everyone who assisted in this project, and especially to Evan (and his family), for coordinating this massive effort!



**Celebrating one of our own. Thank you Wendy Dumont for your years of service to the community and for your many years of fellowship and assistance to St. Mark's!**

# Retired, but not slowing down

■ BY DAN CAMPANA

Wendy Dumont doesn't mince words when she describes the challenges that female police officers face, but her 20 years with the Lake Forest Police Department proved hard work makes anything possible.

Dumont, who spent nine years in the Navy before starting her law enforcement career, retired from Lake Forest in April as just the second woman in the department's history ever to do so. Her significant accomplishments don't start with her finish.

Dumont wore many hats — from field training officer to bike patrol officer to evidence tech to detective bureau officer — for more than two decades, but few things were more meaningful to her than working undercover on narcotics investigations with the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group and being the department's first officer to complete Northwestern's accident reconstruction school, which led to roles as an investigator and supervisor with Lake County's major crash team.

"There's a billion things in my career that I enjoyed," said Dumont, who is now an investigator for the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. "Lake Forest was one of the best places to work. They gave me a lot of opportunities. Chief Walldorf pushed me to do the (accident) reconstruction. I appreciate what he did for me."

Asked about highlights of her time in Lake Forest across the various assignments, Dumont paused momentarily to contemplate it all. She said it was hard to pin one thing down before doing just that — leading the charge to start the department's crisis intervention team rose to the top of her memories.

Establishing the team meant the ability to bring on a social worker full-time and develop an information-sharing system that allowed officers on different shifts to access important details about subjects who might have some type of behavioral health or related issues.

"Mental health is such a huge issue. This was years in the making," Dumont

explained. "That's a huge thing I'm proud of."

Dumont views everything she's done — including earning bachelor's and master's degrees — through a lens that allows her to see that female officers have a more difficult career path compared to that of their male counterparts.

"You're going to have to work twice as hard," she offered, before saying she's embraced the opportunity to give advice to the next generation of women in law enforcement.

She's also proud of the network of high-ranking, accomplished female officers she's met over the years, who are overcoming rank and responsibility barriers at suburban Chicago departments.

"We're making strides. I think we're breaking into these different positions," Dumont explained.

Dumont loved her time with Lake Forest and could have stayed on for many years. But, she admits, she's "not one to sit still" when presented with a chance to broaden her future path, such as her new role as a cyber investigator.

All of it comes back to the notion of getting out what you put into the effort.

"You can do anything if you work hard," she said.



10:22 AM  
09/23/20  
Cash Basis

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through August 2020

|                                  | Jan - Aug 20      | Jan - Aug 19      |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense          |                   |                   |
| Income                           |                   |                   |
| 41000 - GENERAL FUND             | 186,055.96        | 153,586.39        |
| 42000 - VISION FUND INCOME       | 15,363.73         | 18,955.61         |
| 43000 - DESIGNATED INCOME        | 19,242.00         | 90,022.06         |
| <b>Total Income</b>              | <b>220,661.69</b> | <b>262,564.06</b> |
| Expense                          |                   |                   |
| 51000 - COMPENSATION             | 118,225.32        | 117,420.11        |
| 51160 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES | 56,843.71         | 43,098.49         |
| 58000 - VISION FUND EXPENSES     | 17,567.36         | 16,018.23         |
| 61000 - OUTREACH                 | 0.00              | 8,407.79          |
| 66000 - Payroll Expenses         | 49.00             | 0.00              |
| <b>Total Expense</b>             | <b>192,685.39</b> | <b>184,944.62</b> |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>       | <b>27,976.30</b>  | <b>77,619.44</b>  |
| Other Income/Expense             |                   |                   |
| Other Income                     | 0.00              | 90.53             |
| <b>Net Other Income</b>          | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>90.53</b>      |
| <b>Net Income</b>                | <b>27,976.30</b>  | <b>77,709.97</b>  |

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## October—Mission of the Month

### Social Justice / Prison Ministry

"I was in prison and you came to visit me."

**Matthew 25:36**

### Sharing the Love of Christ



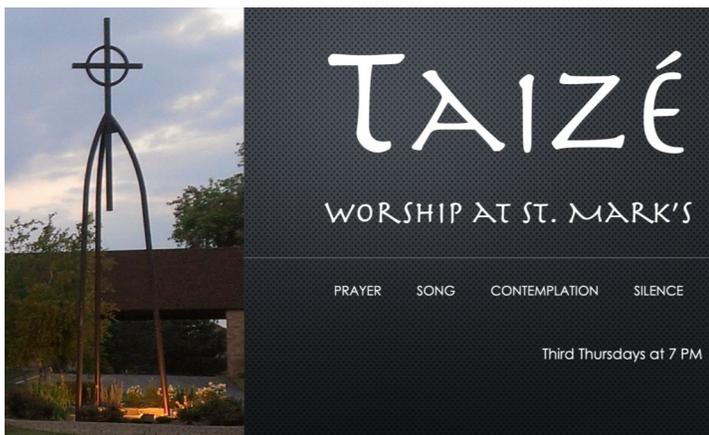
Chicagoland Prison Outreach exists to bring the love of Christ to currently or previously incarcerated men and women and their families throughout the Chicagoland region. We work with individuals in Cook County Jail, Cook County Sheriff's Boot Camp, and various Illinois state prisons, and our own Career Center in Roseland – through in-prison, post-prison and outreach programs. To provide support and guidance to these hurting people, we provide a range of Christian worship services, discipleship classes, individual counseling, vocational training and job preparation services.

Our in-prison programs include a discipleship program, where CPO staff and volunteers connect in a meaningful way with inmates in Jail to facilitate developing a Christ-like character through the practical application of God's Word. Once inmates have been released, we follow up through our Post Prison Ministry. We provide mentoring, assistance in connecting with the body of Christ, vocational training, and character building. We offer outreach programs: Outreach Christian School, Angels of Hope ministry and Women of Hope.



Please join us on **October 4th** and **October 18th** for our "next" social distancing, outdoor, parking lot worship service(s), here at St. Mark's. You may bring lawn chairs to sit in the parking lot, or remain in your car and listen to the broadcast on 87.9 FM. If you would like to partake in communion, please bring bread, and drink to be blessed by Minister Colin. (No access to the building permitted.)

Join us on the "Third" Thursday of each month for our Taizé worship service, at 7 pm



*Taizé is a style of quiet and contemplative prayer service. The service contains prayers both spoken and sung, scripture, and periods of silence. During the periods of silence, you may choose to pray, contemplate scripture, or simply clear your head of the distracting details of your busy life. The Taizé service is designed to help you draw nearer to the Holy Spirit - opening yourself to how the Spirit may be working in your life.*

Dear St Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your gift of \$75.00 to ELCA World Hunger.

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.



Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,

*Robin K Brown*

The Rev. Robin Brown  
Mission Funding Director, Congregations



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To: St Marks Lutheran Church  
 Enclosed find a small donation in memory of Neil Otterbacher, my sister Bridgette's late husband who died October 6, 2001.

09-09-2020

Please use this contribution toward children or adult education programs.  
 God's richest Blessings to St Marks Church and its members.  
 Ps 55:22 In Christ, Ardene Flahavin



## Did you Know about how the ELCA came to be ??



### History

A merger of three Lutheran churches formed the ELCA in 1988. They were The American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and the Lutheran Church in America.

Now 30 years later, the ELCA is a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.

We trace our roots back through the mid-17th century, when early Lutherans came to America from Europe, settling in the Virgin Islands and the area that is now known as New York. Even before that, Martin Luther sought reform for the church in the 16th century, laying the framework for our beliefs.

Due to the Covid 19 virus outbreak, this year's Crop Walk will be an "all virtual" affair. Please refer to their web page, or their Facebook Page for further information. Walk anytime during early October!

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waukeganil>

Or

<https://www.facebook.com/NLCIL.CROP/?ref=nf>



Contributions can always be made to St. Mark's and "noted" for Crop Walk, and all collected monies will be forwarded, and your contribution will be recorded.

The property and Grounds Team would like to **Thank** J & M cleaning for their recent work cleaning and waxing the School wing tile flooring, which has never been done since the addition was completed in 2013. While there was a lot of stuff to move, the end result was much needed and well worth the cost. The floors look fabulous !



| SUN                                                                                                                                                                     | MON                                                                                                        | TUE | WED                                                                                      | THU                                                                                       | FRI | SAT                                                               |
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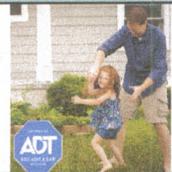
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Oct. 4 Linda Dietz  
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