

Come, Grow, Share

The Messenger

3350 North Delany Rd
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Worship and Participation in the Sacraments:

Don't be a Monkey"

by Pastor Koth

Four monkeys were put into a room. In the center of the room was a tall pole with a bunch of bananas suspended from the top. One particularly hungry monkey eagerly scampered up the pole, intent on retrieving a banana. Just as she reached out to grasp the banana, she was hit with a torrent of cold water from an overhead shower. With a squeal, the monkey abandoned its quest and retreated down the pole. Each monkey attempted, in turn, to secure the banana. Each received an equally chilly shower, and each scampered down the pole without the prize. After repeated drenchings, the monkeys finally gave up on the bananas.



With the primates thus conditioned, one of the original 4 monkeys was removed from the experiment and a new monkey added. No sooner had this new, innocent monkey started up the pole than her companions reached up and ranked the surprised creature back down the pole. The monkey got the message—don't climb the pole. After a few such aborted attempts, but without ever having received a cold shower, the new monkey stopped trying to get the bananas. One by one, each of the original monkeys was replaced. Each new monkey learned the same lesson. Don't climb the pole. None of the new monkeys ever made it to the top of the pole. None even got so far as a cold shower. Not one understood precisely why pole climbing was discouraged, but they all reached the well-established precedent. Even after the shower was removed, no monkey ventured up the pole.

Christ has *commanded* our participation in the Sacraments, prayer and gathering with fellow believers. Some of us have been taught/told by our elders not to do that...for some reason...do you know why?

I know this. Christ is good and if Christ commands something of us, it is good for us.

Be good. Don't be a monkey.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Come celebrate the gift
of Jesus Christ.*

*Grow together in faith
and love.*

*Share the Good
News with all.*

Memorials

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



The following gifts were given in Loving Memory of:

- Craig Harju from Alice Harju
- Wilma Saari from Jill Shepherd
- Leon Taylor (husband and father) from Carol Taylor and family
- Seija Sjöholm from Elisabeth Orna and Lise Myllymaki
- Lorraine Winter from Alson W. Winter

The following gift was given in honor of :

- Sylva Kangas' birthday from Helen Binning

On June 5th we wished Tuula Tamsi a Happy 75th Birthday



Thank You

Pastor Koth,

We want to thank you for the very nice memorial service you provided for our step-mother, Wilma Saari. You gave us a sense of comfort and a reassurance of God's presence in her life and in ours.

We would like to make a memory donation to St. Mark's in memory of her.

In God's love,
Stu & Sheila Stuart

Behold, I make all things new. - Revelation 21:5



July Birthdays

- 07/01 Aaro Illi
- 07/04 Jonathon Aaltonen
- 07/06 Alice Harju
- 07/06 Delores Schild
- 07/08 Lauren Truby
- 07/09 Jasper Owens
- 07/16 Nicole Harris
- 07/16 Anthony Myllymaki
- 07/17 Helen Ostman
- 07/18 Loren Congdon
- 07/18 Greyson Grams
- 07/21 Grace Meyer
- 07/22 Sharon Chand
- 07/23 Lillian Sybrandy
- 07/26 Anne Illi-Love
- 07/27 Steven Ahonen
- 07/27 Todd Wittry
- 07/28 Gregory DeTogne
- 07/28 John Meyer
- 07/29 Betty Nicklas



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!**



July Anniversaries

- 07/01 Marcio & Elise Diaz
- 07/01 Jerry & Kathy Haapanen
- 07/03 Andre & Grace Brikha
- 07/03 Philip & Lisa Smith
- 07/04 Earl & Laverne Laine
- 07/09 Bob & Julie Suchomel
- 07/14 Jack & Audrey Herberger
- 07/18 Daniel & Jennifer Voss
- 07/22 Jeff & Patricia Sparesus
- 07/25 Jack & Sandra Morrison
- 07/30 Karl & Karen Nicholas

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

Mission of the Month - ELCA Disaster Relief

We help to bring God's comfort, healing and renewal to those affected by disasters. And when the dust settles and the headlines change, we *stay* to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.



Colombia Flooding ... *worst flooding in 60 years ...* With much of the country underwater and continuing rains the situation worsens.

U.S. Severe Spring Storms ...

Tornadoes and flooding have devastated large portions of the country ... As spring brings warmer weather, it also means a greater chance for flooding, tornadoes and severe storms.



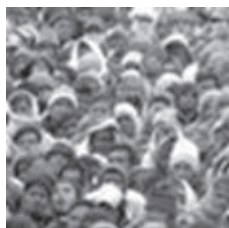
Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami ... *On March 11, 2011, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Sendai caused a massive tsunami with 30-foot high waves ...* ELCA is working with local Lutheran and ecumenical partners to assess the situation and respond.



Ivory Coast Refugees ... *Many flee Ivory Coast amidst conflict over disputed elections ...* As the debate around who won the November presidential election boils over into violence many flee.



Libyan Uprising and Refugees ... *Following political uprising and possible civil war many left homeless ...* Libyans trying to escape the violence are leaving for bordering countries like Tunisia.



New Zealand Earthquake ... *On February 22, 2011, Christchurch community rocked by second earthquake in five months ...* This second earthquake hits closer to the city causing more loss of life and property.



WSM Bible Study

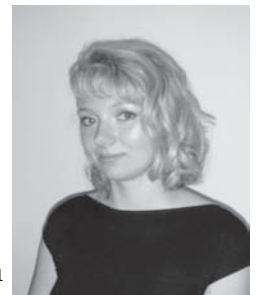
The study will resume on Friday, September 9th.. We will continue to meet in the home of Ida Dudleston at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The topic for the coming year is titled "To Lead and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark."



To learn more about it go to the following website: www.LutheranWomanToday.org.

Congratulations to Graduates College:

Alexa Glade DeTogne, daughter of Gregory DeTogne and Leslie Vinson and granddaughter of Martha DeTogne graduated on June 11, 2011 from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in English and a minor in Visual Arts.



Rebecca Taylor, daughter of Mark & Julie Taylor and granddaughter of Carol Taylor graduated on May 15, 2011 from Butler University with a B.A. in Public Relations, B.S. in Spanish, with a minor in Biological Sciences.





Stephen Ministry

PATIENCE: LESSONS FOR LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.

Genesis 41:14

God Waits for the Right Time

Martin Luther

“Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph were humble people. They waited patiently for God’s help. God was with Joseph in prison. The Lord knew the exact time he wanted to free Joseph. Joseph had no idea how he was going to become free, but he sat in the dark and didn’t worry about it. He put himself in God’s hands. Joseph had exceptional faith, and God came and rescued him in a miraculous way:

We must learn to trust the Lord and wait for him, just as Joseph did. His faith enabled him to wait patiently for a long time, even though he had no idea when he would be released. Joseph’s example should encourage us to resolve, “I know my sinful nature is going to complain, but I will try to restrain it.” Biblical examples, like Joseph’s, set the hearts of faithful people on fire, and inspire them to faith, hope, and love.”

Patience is a virtue essential in Stephen Ministry; listening attentively, developing a trusting rela-

tionship, communicating acceptance and love to the care receiver. Stephen Ministry is letting God work through you and through the caregiving *process* to bring healing *in God’s time*. Stephen Ministry is accepting that you may not always see visible results in your caring, but *knowing* that Christ is working in every situation and He is the one who will provide the results.

Practicing patience with others would certainly make it a more peaceful and joyful world! We need to slow down and be present with those around us. Waiting with patience helps us endure difficulties we may face, and by trusting God we can know that God will get us through tough situations.

Another area for patience is prayer. Prayer can be thought of as *“patient waiting.”* Talking to God give us hope, draws us closer to Him, and gives us the courage to face each day. Prayer gives us comfort and helps us feel less alone.

By practicing patience, we will encounter God’s wonderful grace in our lives.

May life in the Holy Spirit be with you!

Jill Shepherd
Stephen Leader



Advance announcement for all

St. Mark's Women

Join us at our

Prayer Retreat



***Friday and Saturday
September 23 and 24, 2011***

*at Lutherdale
in Delavan, Wisconsin*

If you have never attended one of our *Prayer Retreats* this is your year to start.

More information about the *Prayer Retreat* will be in the September 2011 Messenger.

Hope to have you with us,
so keep this date open on your calendar.

Thank You

I want to thank Pastor Jeff and St. Marks friends for their prayers, comfort and caring feelings for me after my dear mother passed away in March. Coming to St. Marks has helped me so much in coping with my loss. Thank you for letting me be part of this nice family.

God Bless,

Grace Brikha

A Big Thank You

Our most sincere thanks for all the wonderful support received during Jim's recent hip replacement. We were so grateful for the many calls, visits, prayers, and cards. A special thanks to Pastor Koth for his visit and to Pastor Blomquist for his many calls. These gracious acts helped me heal in record time and get back to a normal life.

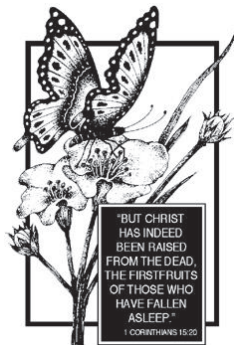
Thanks be to God!
Jim & Cindy Keister

Teacher Appreciation Day - On May 22, 2011, the last day of Sunday School, our wonderful teachers were acknowledged for their contributions to a great Sunday School year.



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the Family of Arvo A. Vehmas who died on Wednesday, May 25th 2011 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He was born in Tampere, Finland on September 6, 1923. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Anneli, a son, Andrew (Kiki) Vehmas of Greenfield, Wisconsin, a daughter, Heli (Elliot) Marcelain of Fond du Lac, a grandson Peter Vehmas, granddaughters, Amie (Wesley) Meenk, and Sophia Vehmas, and great-granddaughters, Courtney and Kelsey Meenk. His family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home and Hospice Home of Hope for their loving care of Arvo.



C.O.O.L.

C.O.O.L. FOOD PANTRY EAST STATISTICS May 2011

YEAR	Total # of people served	Total # of meals provided*
2007	23,978	287,736
2008	23,021	276,252
2009	29,174	350,088
2010	28,551	342,612
2011	9,948	119,376

*Each person received enough food to prepare 12 meals

Statistics by month:

	2010 Served	2011 Served	Change	2010 Unduplicated	2011 Unduplicated
January	2471	2430	-41	2449	2412
February	1645	745	N/A	1055	400
March	2477	2,359	N/A	1126	1,259
April	2330	2,459	+129	927	New system 2,459
May	2227	2,154	-73	815	Unknown
June	2522			879	
July	2627			905	
August	2533			730	
September	2501			716	
October	2319			571	
November	2540			621	
December	2349			622	
TOTAL	28,551	9,948		11,416	

Demographics: * Numbers Based on Percentage

Ages served:	2010 SERVED	2011 SERVED	Residents from:	2010 SERVED	2011 SERVED
INFANT-4 YRS	3690	1,141	Waukegan	17,871	6,056
5 - 17 YRS	9207	2,991	North Chicago	3375	1,203
18 - 24 YRS	2309	884	Lake County	6526	2,586
25 - 64 YRS	12,239	4,534	Outside Lake Co.	14	1
65 - OLDER	1106	398	Homeless	765	149
TOTAL	28,551	9,948	TOTAL	28,551	9,948

➤ Total number of meals distributed this year-to-date = 119,376

➤ The number of individuals served so far this year represents 4,286 FAMILIES.

➤ The pantry has purchased 31,185 pounds of food since January 1, 2011.

➤ Received/Free 58,471 pounds of food in donations since January 1, 2011.

Memorials in his name may be directed to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), MDS (Muscular Dystrophy Association), or the Hospice Home of Hope would be greatly appreciated.

St. Mark's Travelers Club

Next Meeting – September 8th at Noon.

Upcoming Trips:

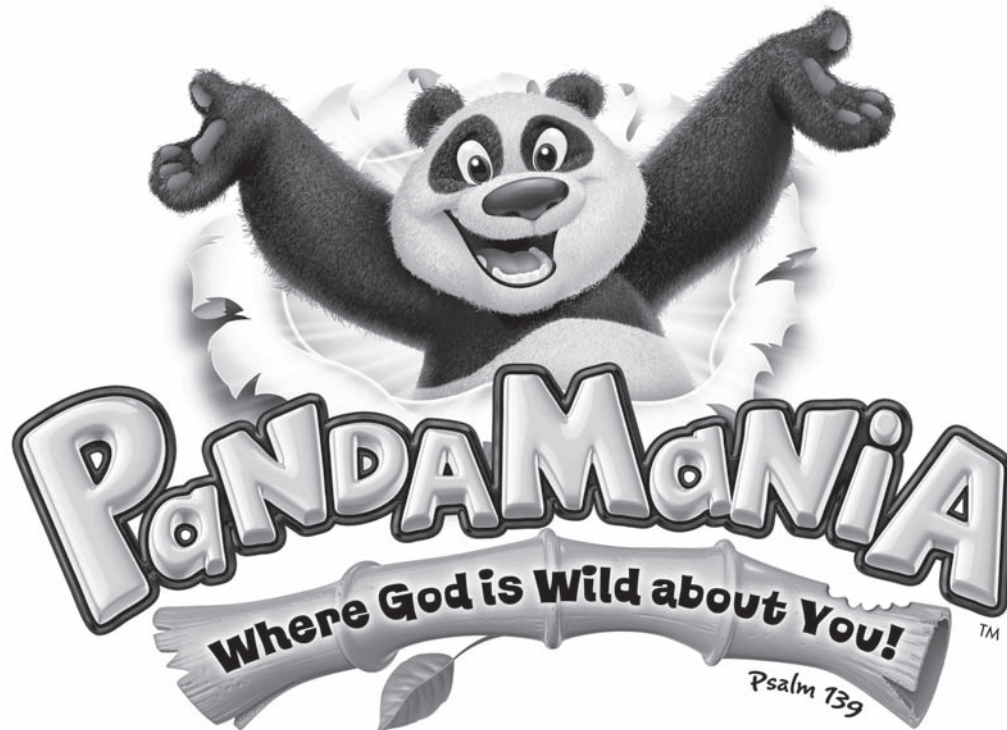
Sept. 20–23 – Amish in Ohio

November 14 – 18 -- Miracle of Christmas in Branson.

Contact Judy Shales-Reinier at 847-746-2436 or 847-682-9009 for more trip details and/or reservations.

C.O.O.L. Food of the Month: Rice





Vacation Bible School 2011

DATES: July 18th - 22nd

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

AGES: Pre-K—5th Grade

VOLUNTEERS: 6th Grade & Up

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We also have an "Adopt an VBSer" campaign. If you can't volunteer to be a hands-on leader, you can help by adopting one of the "Crew" with monetary offering — details on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board.

Register today both Volunteers and Participants at:
<http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/StMarksLutheran>
 OR: Fill out a form available in the Fellowship Hall.

DONATIONS NEEDED!!!

****** *If you have any of these that you could donate, purchase or loan to us, we would appreciate it . . .*

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| ** Small plastic pool | ** Green & Brown fabrics |
| ** Stuffed Panda Bears | ** Fabric Paint |
| ** Fern Plants (real or fake) | ** Bamboo Poles |
| ** Ivory Snow Flakes (5 boxes) | ** Large wooden dowels (1" or larger) |
| ** Empty 2-liter soda bottles | ** Box fans |

These items will be used for decorating the church to emphasize our theme and in craft projects. Please leave all donated items on or under the table.

Thanks,

St. Mark's Youth & Family Ministries

Congratulations to our Confirmands



Cassidy Smith, Matthew Oye, Pastor Koth, Nichole Truby, & Ryan Hopkins



WSM Prayer Breakfast

The Women of St. Marks held a prayer breakfast on Saturday, June 11th. Here are some photos from the event:



July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Worship 9 a.m.	4 Church Office Closed	5	6 W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. A.A. 7 p.m.	7 Boy Scouts 7 pm.	8	9 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Avalon Restaurant 8 a.m.
10 Worship 9 a.m.	11 Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	12 Church Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	13 W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. A.A. 7 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Worship 9 a.m.	18 VBS 6—8 p.m. Girl Scouts 6 p.m. Knitting for the Needy 7 p.m.	19 Technology Team 7 p.m. BSA Troop 55 Comm. Mtg. 7 p.m. VBS 6—8 p.m.	20 W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. A.A. 7 p.m. VBS 6—8 p.m.	21 Travelers 6 p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. VBS 6—8 p.m.	22 VBS 6—8 p.m. PACK Camp Out	23 Pack Camp Out
24 Worship 9 a.m.	25 Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	26	27 W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. A.A. 7 p.m.	28 Boy Scouts 7 p.m.	29	30
31 Worship 9 a.m.						



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Worship

Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

Serving Us This Month

Lectors Sundays 9:00 a.m.

- 7/3 Ken Smith
- 7/10 Nancy Inskeep
- 7/17 Marty Gregory
- 7/24 Georgia Benson

Offering Counters

- 7/3 Al Dudleston & Don Fontana
- 7/10 Wayne Voss & Erin Lundtveit
- 7/17 Jensea Chromy & Laura Swanson
- 7/24 Al Dudleston & Jim Keister
- 7/31 Ery Uhlman & Al Dudleston

Assisting Minister

Georgia Benson (1 & 3rd Sundays)

Deacon

Jill Shepherd (2 & 4 Sundays)

Altar Guild

Carol Taylor & Jean Bogdala

Ushers

Kurt Schild & Al Dudleston

Communion Assistant @ W.O.W.

Rich Yocius

Acolyte Sundays 9 am

- 7/3 Nicholas Fontana
- 7/10 Claire Lundtveit
- 7/17 Magnus Swanson
- 7/24 Abigail Oye
- 7/31 Monique Brikha

Acolyte W.O.W. 6:30 pm

- 7/6 Chantal Brikha
- 7/13 Evelyn Fontana
- 7/20 Annika Swanson
- 7/27 Annika Swanson

Projectionists Sundays 9 a.m.

- 7/3 Kathryn Kottka
- 7/10 Elaina Plinke
- 7/17 Daniel Nicklas
- 7/24 Matthew Oye
- 7/31 Erin Hopkins

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