

Come, Grow, Share

The Messenger

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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.*



By Pastor Koth

As I write this article in early December, we are still in the opening volley of our stewardship campaign; we are filled with hope and waiting for an enthusiastic response to a basic question of discipleship, "Can We Count on You?" Many have already responded with a resounding "Yes!" If you haven't yet, please do! As a reminder of the importance of your response, let me share with you a poem called, "Little Eyes Upon You".

There are little eyes upon you,
And they are watching night and day.
There are little ears that quickly
Take in every word you say.
There are little hands all eager
To do anything you do;
And a little boy/girl who's dreaming
Of the day they'll be like you!

You're the little one's idol,
You're the wisest of the wise.
In their little minds about you
No suspicions ever rise.
They believe in you devoutly
Hold all you say and do,
They will say and do, in your way,
When they are grown up just like you.

There's a wide-eyed little one,
Who believes you are always right;
And their eyes are always opened,
And watches day and night.
You are setting the example
Every day in all you do.
For the little one who's waiting
To grow up to be like you!

Blessed New Year!



01/04 William Gregory
 01/04 Margaret Congdon
 01/07 Kathy Schild
 01/09 Ruth Hervoy
 01/09 Irene Wilson
 01/10 Signe Herrmann
 01/11 Betty Anderson
 01/11 Tamara Maki
 01/12 William Klass
 01/12 David Wonderland
 01/12 Heidi Vander Vere
 01/12 Andrew Haapanen
 01/13 Virginia Blomquist
 01/14 Jack Herberger
 01/14 Elise Diaz
 01/14 Ariana DeTogne
 01/15 Donald Fontana
 01/15 Abigail Oye
 01/21 Jean Norkus
 01/21 Alexis Perez
 01/21 Magnus Swanson
 01/22 Priscilla Bogdala
 01/23 Leanna Goble
 01/24 Arvo Aukee
 01/25 Danyel Sparesus
 01/29 Ian Hopkins
 01/31 Herman Thorstenson
 01/31 Ritva Illi

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

Memorials

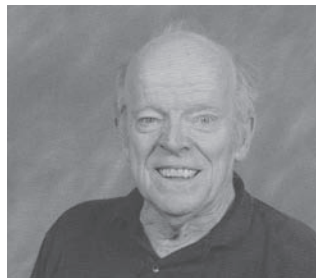
We thank the people who have memorialized these friends and loved ones for their generosity.



The following gift was given in Loving Memory of:

- ◆ Ruben Joseph Sanchez (R.J.) from the Sanchez Family
- ◆ Tom Warvi from Helen Binning
- ◆ Tom Warvi from Bill & Marty Gregory
- ◆ Tom Warvi from Matt & Laila Maki

Our Sympathy



Tom Warvi, long-time member of the St. Mark's family passed away on November 28th. He was buried next to his parents at Riverside Cemetery in Ironwood, Michigan.

January Anniversaries

01/12 Alfred & Eleanore Wienke
 01/24 Rudolph & Mary Jo Ahonen
 01/30 Kathy & Rob Anderson



Thank You

Dear Pastor Koth:

On behalf of the staff, board members, volunteers & clients served at COOL, I wanted to send this note of thanks to you and all of the members & volunteers at St. Mark's for your help in hosting the Annual Chili Supper again this year in support of our work at COOL.

Once again the Chili Supper at St. Mark's was an outstanding success. Everyone had a wonderful evening of fellowship & the food was wonderful.

Blessings to you and everyone at St. Mark's for all you have done throughout the year and thank you for helping us with the lovely event..

Sincerely,

Diane Thackston

Mission of the Month -

C.O.O.L. continues to support the homeless and needy in Lake County.



The Food pantry serves from 12,000 to 15,000 each year, including approximately 50% of the totals being children between infancy and 17 years old. With more and more people out of work, being laid off from their jobs, the need for food and shelter has increased significantly this year.

The Transitional Housing program assists homeless families (one or two parent) motivated to assimilate corrected living skills, save money and graduate toward independent living and self-sufficiency. Phase I of the program offers a living unit, counseling and monitored case management. Families needing more time after Phase I or living at a Phase II level, receive the same services as Phase I, but pay a low amount of rent. Phase II provides more time to finish an educational program or acquire better employment.

C.O.O.L. consistently maintains between eight and eleven housing units in Waukegan and Zion.

The need continues to increase as more and more people are out of work or struggling to make ends meet in these tough economic times.

Thank You

North Lake County Chapter of Thrivent for their donation of \$200.00 towards the Third Annual Chili Supper Benefiting C.O.O.L.

COOL Food of the Month: 16 Oz. Cans of Vegetables



Thank You

Dear St. Mark's

Thank you so much for that big, beautiful Thanksgiving Basket! Audrey (me too) have been enjoying it very much. You people really know how to brighten up our lives.

God Bless You All.
Jack Herberger

Boy Scouts Wreath Sale



Thank You!

Dear Pastor Koth, Jill Shepherd, and the St. Mark's Family,

We want to thank you all for everything you have done for the passing of our dear son, Ruben Joseph Sanchez "RJ". Thank you for all your support and compassion for the loss of our son "RJ". He will be forever in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

The pain is so raw for us and hopefully soon, we will be there to see you all.

God Bless,
Ruben, Linda, Jake, and Rachel Sanchez

Stephen Ministry

LONELINESS PART III THE LONELINESS OF JOB LOSS;

SEEING GOD'S GRACE IN SPITE OF LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES



"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37

"Love and work are considered the two primary sources of emotional nourishment we need to feel cherished and to live our lives with enthusiasm and confidence. That is why the fear of rejection, the prospect of losing our job or of no longer feeling loved, is perhaps the most *shattering of all fears*." God gave us community—to help others when they despair, when they feel alone, when they need encouragement and strength to face the daily challenges of life. It is crucial not to withdraw from your community when you are facing a crisis, especially when you lose your job.

Following are some excellent websites information for job searching:

http://careerplanning.about.com/cs/jobloss/a/chin_up.htm Information includes HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), helping you continue your health insurance after your employer insurance or COBRA expires; Website offers many tips for staying positive during a long job search.

www.rileyguide.com/cope.html Numerous articles on surviving a job loss

<http://jobsearch.about.com> Answers about any question you may have about job searching

<http://jobsearch.about.com/bio/Alison-Doyle-2335.htm> Alison Doyle, prominent job search and employment expert, offers a multitude of resources to help those seeking employment

<http://www.studentaffairs.duke.edu/career/resources/involuntary>

From the ELCA: *When You Lose Your Job*, by Donna Bennett This book is from the "Difficult Times" series and can be ordered from Augsburg Fortress (\$2.10 online) <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/6564/When-You-Lose-Your-Job> You can also call Augsburg at 800-328-4648 to order the book.

Helpful hints from the previous websites:

- Keep a positive attitude, both for your own emotional well-being as well as for the *impression you give to potential employers*.
- Inform everyone of your situation. ASK for assistance, advice, referrals, and support. Someone you know may have a contact who might be able to help you.
- Think of this as a time of opportunity to make a positive change in your life. You may want a whole career change—one that might be more satisfying and rewarding than your former occupation.
- Develop a support system. This could be family, friends, former associates, or a local networking group with a professional career counselor, coach, or therapist. Check out a job-hunting support group listed in the Riley Guide (see previous website). Support groups gave me incredible insights and hope during difficult times.
- Start reading classified ads—in print! Continue using online resources but also take time to read ads in the Sunday paper. Read professional journals and business or other publications in your projected field.

Most importantly: Surround yourself with that great "cloud of witnesses," your Christian community, who can strengthen your faith and trust in God's grace.



Peace be with you!

Jill Shepherd
Stephen Leader

¹Kushner, Harold, *Conquering Fear, Living Boldly in an Uncertain World*, Anchor Books, 2009, NY, page 95-96

Third Annual Chili Supper

Thank you to everyone who supported the Chili Supper on November 17th, 2011 for the benefit of the COOL food pantry. Our records show we served 173 people in our fellowship hall, 42 carry-out orders, and 39 people enjoyed a second bowl of chili. The checks and cash donations received for COOL totaled \$2,051.00. After expenses total profit to COOL was \$3,290.00. The total of food collected on the truck was 474 pounds.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make this possible; the members of the Ministry of Hospitality team, many members of St. Mark's who volunteered, the Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts and their leaders, and other guests who volunteered. All working together to help fee so many people in need at this time.

God Bless you all.
Lucille Tolonen, Team Leader



"In everything you do, put God first, And he will direct you and crown your efforts with success."
Proverbs 3:6



7th Annual Finnish Celebration

*The St. Mark's Travel Club
7th Annual Finnish Celebration*

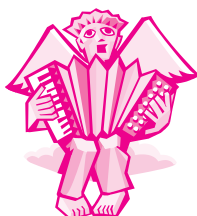
**on Sunday, January 15, 2012
with a luncheon at 11:00 a.m.**
will be here before you know it!

Tickets :

\$15 for adults; \$7 for children
and can be bought from
any Travel Club member.

Or call to reserve your ticket from:
Judy Shales Reinier 847-682-9009
Helen Ostman 847-244-6638

Mark Finnish Celebration on your
calendar for **January 15th**, then
look forward to an afternoon of
fun and enjoyment .



**We are asking you to pay for the
Building Addition, and
St. Mark's will pay you to do that.**

The Investment Team is considering an alternative method of financing the building solely with a mortgage obtained from a bank or financial institution. In Lieu of borrowing funds from a bank, the Investment Team has considered

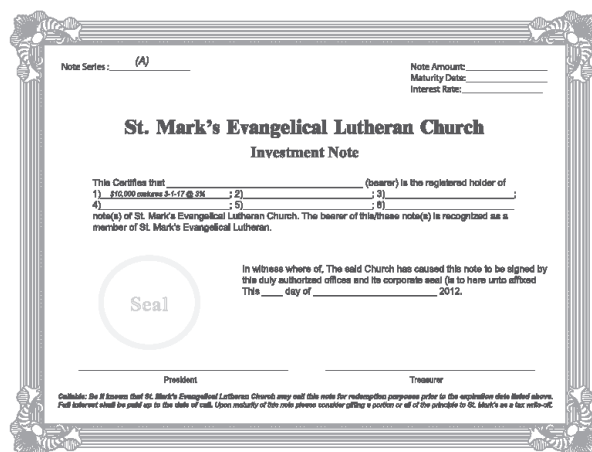
self-funding of the Church addition as an option to finance the construction of the addition.

Self-funding would mean certain members would voluntarily lend money to St. Marks. Why? As proclaimed in the December message from the Investment Team, members that voluntarily lending money to St. Mark's, are being offered an opportunity to earn "above market rate" returns on their loan. Most of us, with savings in a financial institution, earn less than 1% of the deposit accounts or certificates of deposits. St. Mark's will be able to pay in the neighborhood of three to four times that rate.

Our plan is to have members of St. Mark's pledge and ultimately deposit funds into St. Mark's for use for financing the building addition. The pledges should be made as soon as possible. The monies received by St. Mark's will be considered a "loan" and similar to a certificate of deposit you may already have at a financial institution. The loan will be for a specified number of years. The members will earning interest on the funds deposited into St. Mark's. The rates of interest paid on the funds are expected to be between 3.0% and 5.0%, depending on the length of the loan. Interest will be paid twice a year. Loans will be fully repaid upon the expiration of the loan period.

When it came down to it, the Investment Team thought that it would be better to borrow funds from (and pay interest to) our fellow members, than borrowing the money from the bank.

Ken Falkinham will be handling the paperwork for the loans. Interested members please contact Ken Falkinham and Al Dudleston with any questions you may have.



You Can Count on Me



St. Mark's Travelers Club

Upcoming Trips:

Jan 26, 2012 Gypsy at Drury Lane Dinner Theater

Feb 5—11 New Orleans Winter Escape

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



2012 Stewardship Pledges

(Count as of the date January Messenger was sent to Printers — December 9th, 2011)

If your name is not listed, an Updated List will be included in the February 2012 Messenger.

Bible Study	25th Anniversary	Youth & Family Ministry	Women of St. Mark's
Helen Binning	Karen Yocius	Laura Swanson	Amy Fontana
Joyce Wonderland		Arielle Senteny	Bridgette Otterbacher
Bob Ostman	Social Justice		Ann Roberts
Carol Suomu	Ken Swanson	Hospitality	Sandy Falkinham
Jill Shepherd	Julie Wendorf	Lucille Tolonen	Marty Gregory
Helen Ostman	Laura Raykiewicz	Amy Fontana	Laura Swanson
Mae Smith	Sandy Falkinham	Earleen Constantino	Carol Suomu
Helen Binning	Carol Bonnes		Helen Binning
Bridgette Otterbacher	Kris Koth	Property & Grounds	Joyce Wonderland
Jonathon Joaquin	Nicole Harris	Wayne Voss	Jean Meyer
Carol Bonnes	Carol Suomu	Jose Diaz	Jean Norkus
Ann Roberts	Karen Yocius	Erin Lundtveit	
	Jennifer Voss	Mauro Puccini	Ushering
Prayer Team		Jonathon Joaquin	Erv Uhlman
Linnea Anderson	Marketing	Ted Wells	Dominic Constantino
Jill Shepherd	Anita Wells	Jason Falkinham	Travel Club
Bridgette Otterbacher	Sandy Falkinham		Lucille Tolonen
Ann Roberts	Ken Swanson	Scouting	Judy Reinier
	Carol Suomu	Bill Gregory	Carol Bonnes
Knitting for the Needy	Drama, Music & Worship	Dave Norkus	Linnea Anderson
Helen Ostman	John Meyer	Jean Norkus	Eleanor Senteny
Georgia Benson	Georgia Benson	Shirley Snyder	Carol Suomu
	Ann Roberts		Helen Binning

Thank You

To St. Mark's Church:

I want to thank all of my friends at St. Mark's for the beautiful basket of food which I am enjoying.

God bless all of you.

I also want to thank Pastor Koth for all of his many visits to me.

Eva Macknick

Hi:

To all my good friends at St. Marks! What a wonderful surprise I had with the big fruit basket you sent! How I wish I could still attend church there, but since I don't have a car, like the old song says "Don't get around much anymore!"

My son takes me to his church on Sundays — Village Church of Gurnee. I miss all of you!

With Love,
Edna Bennett

Lutheran Deaf Ministry

Dear Members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church—

I am presently in the process of securing the services of Sign Language Interpreters & making other arrangements to ensure that the 2012 ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans will be accessible to Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing participants.

We are grateful for your continuing financial contributions to this mission, including your gift of \$625.00. Without support like yours we would be unable to provide these kinds of services.

May God bless you in your ministry.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Dayton Williams

Lutheran Deaf Ministry

Metropolitan Chicago Synod — ELCA

PASTY TIME IS NEAR..... January 26th, 27th, & 28th

Your December MESSENGER provided the basic information regarding our annual Pasty Sale sponsored by the Women of St. Mark's.

Volunteers are needed to Shop & Cleanup, Peel & Chop, Roll & Fill, and Provide Nourishment for the Workers.

The Sign-up Board will be in the Narthex starting Sunday, January 8th, 2012. Come join in the fellowship and accomplishment of great things.

With your unselfish efforts to help, monies will be available to fulfill many mission endeavors for St. Mark's, Local and World Communities.

2012 WORK SCHEDULE

Thurs. January 26th noon to 9:00pm
Fri. January 27th 6:00am to 5:30pm
Sat. January 28th 6:00am to 5:30pm

ORDERING INFORMATION

Place completed order forms in the WSM Pasty Box in the Narthex beginning January 8th. Order forms will be on the information table in the Narthex and downstairs on the tables in front of the mailboxes.

We will stop taking pasty orders when we reach 1200. There will be no waiting list. First come; first served -- so don't delay in placing your orders!

Price of a pasty remains at \$5.50.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Offering Envelopes & Mailboxes Changes for 2012

Envelope Numbers will be changing in 2012. Those families that have signed up for Simply Giving will now have envelope numbers that start with 1000. Therefore, if your current envelope # is 57, in 2012 it will be 1057.

Those families that have chosen to continue with offering envelopes will have their number changed if their current number is over 120. Please remember to wait until January 1st, 2012 to use your new number and envelopes.

WSM Bible Study

Friday, January 13, 2012 -
10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The study sessions are held at the home of Ida Dudleston(847-336-5096)

Maps to her house can be found in mailbox #29.



Women's Bible Study

The study guide states that participants should continue to read Mark chapters 8 and 9 and will:

- learn and discuss what it means to confess that Jesus is the Messiah;
- discuss what it means to live as a disciple today;
- discover the connection Mark draws between Moses, Elijah, and Jesus in God's history and salvation;
- discuss faith and doubt as vital aspects of Christian belief; and
- explore examples of greatness in God's kingdom.

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am Worship	2 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm	3 A.A. 7 pm Reflections of the Spirit 7 pm	4 A.A. 7 pm Reflections of the Word 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm	5 Boy Scouts 7 pm Choir 7 pm	6 Testify & Confirmation Lock-In 8 pm	7 Testify & Confirmation Lock-In until 10 am Prayer Team 9:00 am
8 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship PASTY ORDERS START	9 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm WSM Board Mtg 7 pm	10 A.A. 7 pm Reflections of the Seasons Noon Church Council 7 pm	11 A.A. 7 pm Reflections of the Word 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm	12 Boy Scouts 7 pm Choir 7 pm	13 WSM Bible Study at Ida Dudleston's 10 am & 5:30 pm	14 Men's Prayer Breakfast (Avalon Restaurant) 8 am
15 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship FINNISH CELEBRATION 11:00 am	16 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Knitting for the Needy 7pm	17 A.A. 7 pm Technology Team 7 pm BSA Troop 55 7 pm	18 A.A. 7 pm Reflections of the Word 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm	19 Boy Scouts 7 pm Choir 7 pm Gurnee Meadows Worship 1 pm	20	21
22 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	23 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm	24 A.A. 7 pm Investment Team 7 pm	25 A.A. 7 pm Reflections of the Word 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm	26 PASTY BAKING Noon—9 pm Choir 7 pm	27 PASTY BAKING 6 am—5:30 pm	28 PASTY BAKING 6 am—5:30 pm
29 9:00 am Hymn Sing 10:30 am Worship	30 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm	31 A.A. 7 pm				





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Worship
Sunday
9:00 am
10:30 am

Serving Us This Month

Lectors

Sundays 9:00 a.m.		10:30 a.m.
01/01	10 a.m. Combined	Pastor Koth
01/08	Anne Illi-Love	Ken Swanson
01/15	Ken Smith	Grace Brikha
01/22	Marty Gregory	Jack Broemelkamp
01/29	Hymn Sing	Genie Durand

Assisting Minister

Kathie Brady (1 & 3rd Sundays)

Deacon

Jill Shepherd (2 & 4 Sundays)

Altar Guild

Pam Hurley & Kathy Schild

Ushers

Steve Love & Al Dudleston

Communion Assistant Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

Rich Yocius

Acolyte

Sundays 9:00 a.m.		10:30 a.m.
01/01	10 a.m. Combined	Annika Swanson
01/08	Evelyn Fontana	Lexi Burgett
01/15	Dana Lundtveit	Andrew Oye
01/22	Danyel Sparesus	Nick Fontana
01/29	Chantel Brikha	Zachary Ammons

Projectionists

Sundays 9:00 a.m.		10:30 a.m.
01/01	10 a.m. Combined	Magnus Swanson
01/08	Giovanni Diaz	Caitlyn Maennena
01/15	Kathryn Kottka	Matthew Oye
01/22	Elaina Plinke	Dan Nicklas
01/29	Monique Brikha	Cody Ammons

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