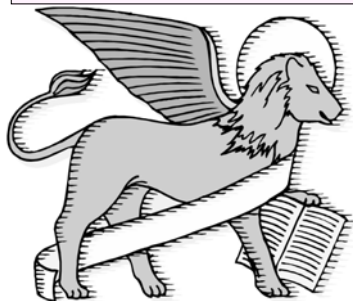


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## Our Journey: Holy Week and Easter

Dear Friends,

As the gentle winds drift through the courtyard, red-breasted robins prepare their nests, and the crocuses in bloom herald the good news that warmer weather is on its way. The daffodils are daring to peep their heads from their winter sleep greeting us as the lazy days of winter drift away to make way for spring.



Here at St. Mark's, we also prepare as we transition from the darkness of Holy Week to the Light of Christ on Easter Sunday. Planning is underway for Holy Week and Easter celebrations, and as every year, we need volunteers to help coordinate the activities.

On Saturday, April 9th, the Men's Group will be hosting a breakfast and work day starting at 9am. It is spring cleaning time, so bring your elbow-grease and cheerful dispositions. We have an assortment of jobs for every level of worker—men, women and children—and we are hoping to clean the pews in the church, wash the window interiors, and make the kitchen spotless in time for Easter. We are also looking for people to help us canvass the neighborhood with door hangers announcing the upcoming Holy Week services. And anyone coming to help out in the morning, men and women alike, are invited to partake in the famous Men's Breakfast. Bacon is the main draw, but they do have other fine menu items to choose from. If you can't help on Saturday, but are willing to hang some flyers in your neighborhood, please contact the church office.

Gardeners! On Saturday, April 16th at 9am, we will meet for a group work day where young and old, novice and experienced, can help clean up the courtyard garden for Easter. Please call or email Jane Shero if you can help out on the 16th, or Jane can supply you with a job list for solo work if you would like to come at other times.

After two busy weekends of preparations, we begin our journey of Holy Week and the coming of our Lord, with Palm Sunday services at 9:30am on April 17th. Here we remember that we are witnesses of the passion of Christ and through it we see the reality of God's saving action in our lives.

On Maundy Thursday, April 21st at 6pm, we will gather to share a Passover Seder meal followed by a Vigil in the Chapel at 8pm. We will remember the final meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before he died, the meal which has become for us Holy Communion, a sign of our shared life in Christ. Deacon Michelle is in need of volunteers for this event, and if you are interested in helping out, you can learn more about it in the Deacon's Corner on page 3.

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# Our Journey: Holy Week and Easter

On Good Friday, April 22nd, we will worship at noon. In addition, St. Mark's will host a special family-friendly Good Friday service for children, their parents, and people of all ages at 4:30pm.

On Holy Saturday, April 23rd, liturgy will be held in the chapel at 9:30am. The Flower Guild will be busy preparing the church. Anyone interested in helping with the arranging of flowers on this day is urged to contact Judy Young.

Alleluia! Christ has risen! On Easter Sunday, April 24th, we awaken our voices for the joyous singing of alleluias. Every year, we assist our children in the Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday. Can you help us decorate the cross for our Easter rejoicing? We are in need of adult volunteers to coordinate this effort at 9am.

Instead of Easter brunch this year, we are planning a festive Easter Coffee Hour following the 9:30am Easter worship service, and we need volunteers to help coordinate the preparations. If you can bring a festive breakfast treat to share on Easter morning, or can assist with set-up or clean-up, please contact the church office.

Following the 9:30am service, the children will have the chance to search for Easter eggs, ancient symbols of new life, in the St. Mark's Courtyard. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is a highly anticipated event for the children at St. Mark's. We are looking for one person to organize this fun event, but we also need a few more hands to pass out bags and assist where needed.

If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please contact the church office at (414) 962-0500.



## Holy Week Schedule

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Sunday, April 17 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Thursday, April 21 6:00 PM Seder Dinner 8:00 PM Vigil in the Chapel	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Friday, April 22 12:00 PM Liturgy for Good Friday 4:30 PM Family-friendly Service	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Saturday, April 23 9:30 AM Liturgy for Holy Saturday in the Chapel	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Sunday, April 24 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM Flowering of the Cross 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 10:30AM Festive Easter Coffee Hour 11AM Easter Egg Hunt
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# Deacon's Corner



Easter week will be upon us before we know it. One of my favorite rituals of Easter week at St. Mark's is the Seder Supper held on the Thursday evening before Good Friday. At St. Mark's we have also melded the traditional foot washing and Eucharist with the dinner.

Jewish congregations also still have the Seder Supper as part of their observance of Passover. Their celebration is usually experienced at home. It is part of the most important services in their tradition. For the Jewish, it reminds them of their flight from Egypt and slavery. But the Journey as well as the destination is very important.

For they left Egypt a rag-tag band of slaves and became along the way a community that carried on all the aspects of a righteous and observant people. It is this transformation that they celebrate.

We too develop our potential as Christians as we live out our faith in community. This Seder Supper remembers our history and reinforces our living out of our shared community in today's world.

As every year, we need some volunteers to help form a team that will share the tasks of cooking and leading of the Passover story as liturgy. We have tasks and parts for everyone who wants one. None are too large and leaders for the dinner and service can be of any age.

So if you love the Seder Supper as I do, won't you consider helping to bring it to life in our parish? Contact me by e-mail, phone, or in person at church, and I'm sure we can find a job for you.

My best to all of you.

*Deacon Michelle*



## Easter Flowers

Starting Sunday, April 3rd, Easter flower donation envelopes will be available in Sunday service bulletins. This year, donations will help provide Easter lilies, daffodils for the children's cross and cut flowers and greens for flower arrangements throughout the church. We plan to have brightly colored arrangements.

There will be a form in the envelopes for noting memorials and thanksgivings for inclusion in the Easter service bulletins. The deadline for details to be included in the Easter bulletins is Palm Sunday, April 17th.

Thanks to all in advance from the Flower Guild for helping to make our Easter bright and beautiful.

# Mark's Bistro Lenten Series

## God's People: Called to Justice and Compassion

*"Remember the Lord's people who are in jail and be concerned for them. Don't forget those who are suffering, but imagine that you are there with them." Hebrews 13:3*

We are called as Christians to be concerned and care for those who are in jail or prison. What does that mean for us at St. Mark's? Join us for the Mark's Bistro Lenten series where we will learn how issues of justice and the penal system impact our society and those who are directly affected by it, hear how Christians working in different areas of the system are making a difference and how we all can have an impact on those who are or have been incarcerated.

Mark's Bistro Lenten Series continues in April with the following speakers:

### **April 7 - Building Prisons - John Cain**

Not a very "Christian" concept, that of building prisons. John has spent most of the last 27 years designing prisons, jails, courts, and now a new Justice Center for the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, SD. He will share both "fact and fiction" about these types of facilities, including new concepts of restorative justice. He will also offer impressions of working in such settings from those he has known for years as being good and decent people having to deal with society's most difficult members.

### **April 14 - Arn Quakkelaar – Founder of BASICS (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Serving)**

BASICS recognizes the need for equipping Christian leaders to administer ministries in holistic ways and is committed to effecting a spirit of unity. Its primary partners are both church and outreach ministries whose missions are based upon Christian values and a commitment to serving the needs of central cities. Arn will be presenting ways that Christians can get involved in helping re-integrate into society those who have been incarcerated.

Join us for dinner at 5:45pm with discussion from 6:15 to 7:30pm.



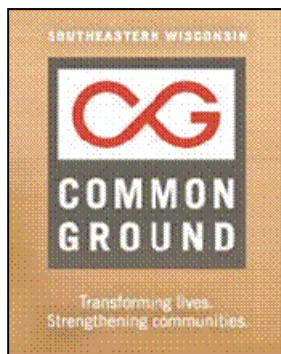
## Fair Trade Coffee Sponsors Needed

Are you looking for an alternative way to help make a difference and sponsor a service at St. Mark's? Why not sponsor the Coffee Hour following the Sunday Service?

A special contribution of \$25 goes to purchasing the fairly-traded Equal Exchange gourmet coffee used at coffee hour.

Sponsorships are monthly, and there is a sign up sheet on the Guild Hall bulletin board to sponsor the coffee purchased for coffee hour and all church functions.

# Common Ground at St. Mark's



There is one very important meeting taking place in April for all Common Ground members. It is the education initiative called, "It's About The Kids." This project was started after many Common Ground parents in both the city of Milwaukee and the surrounding suburbs became alarmed over the proposed cuts in the next state two-year budget.

After a meeting last month with over 700 attending, members decided to call for a meeting with Gov. Walker and Sen. Alberta Darling, who is co-chair of the Joint Finance Committee. They wanted to be heard by the Governor as to their fears over the cuts proposed in his budget concerning public education. And they wanted to understand what his vision for public education was across the state. This effort for a meeting is on-going.

Common Ground is also planning a delegates meeting for public education on April 11th at 6:30pm at Mason Temple Church of God in Christ on the northwest side of Milwaukee. St. Mark's is planning to bring at least 20 of our members to this meeting.

We also will be asking for signatures on a petition/letter that will be going to Gov. Walker.

For further information on this initiative to support our schools, please contact Michelle Mooney at 964-3118.

## St. Mark's volunteers at Gathering's South Side site Saturday, April 30th

The Gathering lunch at their South Side site (just south on the Domes on 27<sup>th</sup> St.) on Saturday, April 30th is being hosted by St. Mark's. Between 150 and 200 guests will be grateful for the wonderful and nutritious lunch provided by our team.

Your Outreach Ministry has agreed to take responsibility for cooking the meal, coordinating the volunteers and providing serving volunteers. This is a way for us go beyond our financial support and connect with the guests of the Gathering.

If you are willing and able to cook, we need your services beginning at around 7am. If you can volunteer to serve, we need your help beginning at 9:45am through cleanup completed at about 1pm. We will need between 12-15 volunteers to serve. In addition, we need donations of milk, cookies and coffee to supplement the meal. A signup sheet is in the parish hall now where you can indicate what you are able to do.

If you can't serve that Saturday, please volunteer to bring to the church kitchen **cookies, milk and coffee by Friday, April 29th**. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help those in our community who need a good substantial meal.



# Outreach Ministry Spotlight: St. Anna's



Five years ago an RV was loaded with emergency supplies and taken to the small Episcopal parish of St. Anna's in New Orleans devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Items such as bleach, mops, tooth paste, tooth brushes and other toiletries, were in desperate need as the city began to dig its way out of the havoc created by the storm.

St. Anna's had lost almost half of its congregation but not its spirit or mission to help those in need. At the time, the congregation had dropped to about 40 people but has since recovered to 75-80 communicants. Their church ministries have grown as well and are active in the neighborhood to "Renew, Restore, Rebuild, and Reconcile." Their most prominent work is St. Anna's Medical Mission which is administered through its 37-foot mobile medical unit. It is the only health services organization in the city that actively goes into local neighborhoods to assist people in need, to provide medical services and empowerment, and to help clients find a suitable home for long-term medical care. Since 2006, St. Anna's has treated over 15,000 clients. All services are free and open to the public. Mental health problems are the most frequent conditions treated as depression, loneliness and suicide, still are high.

Another ministry served by St. Anna's is a food pantry which in addition to providing food, offers health screenings (through the mobile medical unit) and the promotion of healthy dietary habits. They now claim that the "food pantry is more than a church reaching out into a community; but rather a community reaching out to help its neighbors."

The parish also has adult education programs including English as a Second Language classes, computer literacy programs, translation assistance, medical and legal referrals, and social and cultural activities. "Anna's Arts for Kids" is a mission to "enrich the lives of the youth and their families in the Greater New Orleans region, through academic enrichment and training in and exposure to the arts."

The help and care that this small parish offers to the city of New Orleans is truly remarkable and the Outreach Committee is pleased to be able to support its efforts.

# “Why Not Rather Suffer Wrong?”



## The Art of Forgiveness - A Sunday Lenten Study

Forgiveness is such a basic tenet of Christianity that it sometimes seems as if Christians forget that forgiving is an act, not a theory. Who can blame them - forgiveness is hard, confusing and doesn't seem to carry the power of justice to right wrongs. And isn't forgiving really just forgetting? This forum, led by the Rev. John Hickey of Seedlings Ministries, will confront the very real challenges of forgiveness with examples of personal, public and spiritual forgiveness that may provide a path through the thorny thickets of injustice, pain, acceptance and restoration.

If you missed the last Lenten Studies, don't let that prevent you from attending the last two:

Part Four - When Are We Forgiven? - Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am

Part Five - Who Forgives? - Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

## The 30th Annual Hunger Book Sale

With spring arriving and perhaps thoughts of spring cleaning, please consider gathering the books you have finished reading this winter and those you no longer want to keep and donating them to a great cause: the Hunger Book Sale, which has taken place each summer for 30 years at All Saints' Cathedral. Special anniversary activities will be announced soon.

The Hunger Book Sale raises funds for mostly local and some national and international hunger causes such as the Gathering, Interchange Food Pantry, Heifer International, Our Next Generation (snacks at Homework Club), food for Sojourner Family Peace Center, the Open Door Cafe at St. John's Cathedral and St. Ben's Community meals among others.

Starting Monday, June 16th, you may drop off your books, CD's or DVD's (no magazines, ex-library or text books over five years old, please) at All Saints' Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau: Monday-Thursday: 9am - 1pm at the back door (there will be a sign) or call the Cathedral at 271-7719 for a pick-up any time now — or leave your books in the box provided on the bench opposite the St. Mark's office door.

The 30th Anniversary Hunger Book Sale will open Thursday night, August 4th from 6-9pm for a preview (and perhaps an anniversary event) and run Friday, August 5th through Tuesday, August 9th from 11am to 6pm. The 2011 deadline for donating is the week of July 26th.



# April 2011 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> Men's Fellowship Group Retreat <b>9:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thrift Shop-Winter Bag Sale 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anon.- Gathering Rm.	<b>30</b> 4:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Common Ground Health Coop - Guild Hall	<b>31</b> 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Mark's Bistro Dinner 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Mark's Bistro Discussion 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.	<b>1</b> 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Light House Meeting 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thrift Shop
<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Creative Circle	<b>4</b> 5:30 PM Adult Formation Committee 6:15 PM Fundraising Meeting	<b>5 Spring Election</b> 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anon.- Gathering Rm.	<b>6</b> 4:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir	<b>7</b> 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Mark's Bistro Dinner 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Mark's Bistro Discussion 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.	<b>9</b> 9 AM Men's Breakfast and Spring Work Day Holy Week Door Hanger Canvassing 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thrift Shop
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<b>17 Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Creative Circle	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Vestry Meeting 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anon.- Gathering Rm.	<b>20</b> 4:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir	<b>21 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Seder Meal 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.- Gathering Rm. 8:00 PM Vigil in Chapel	<b>22 Good Friday</b> 12:00 PM Liturgy for Good Friday 4:30 PM Family-friendly Service 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.	<b>23 Holy Saturday</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Flower Guild Set up 9:30 AM Liturgy for Holy Saturday in the Chapel 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thrift Shop
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# Important Dates

# Bake Sale Recipe

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4/01 Alice Weinert
- 4/03 Andrew Andorfer
- 4/06 Virginia Schrag
- 4/07 Robin Christian Jeffers
- 4/08 Annie Beckman
- 4/09 Jana Troutman-Miller
- 4/09 Leslie McCormick
- 4/14 Yatta Welland
- 4/17 Hannah Dion-Kirschner
- 4/21 Laura Katter
- 4/23 Anna Katter
- 4/23 Jane Matheus



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/26 Brad and Kirstin Kirschner

## Easy Goopy Butter Cake

One of the biggest hits at the Sunday School Bake Sale was the Easy Goopy Butter Cake contributed by Michelle Mooney. Michelle admits she actually received the recipe from Sandi Tunis, but that it is so good, she wants to share it with everyone. *Printed from Cooks.com*

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg

### Goopy Butter:

- 1 (8oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 lb. box confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix together cake mix (just the mix, not the other ingredients called for on the box) with butter and one egg. Pat into an ungreased 9x13 inch cake pan. Cream together cream cheese, two eggs, powdered sugar and vanilla. Pour over cake mixture spreading to the edges. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

## Become a friend of St. Mark's on Facebook!

Login to your Facebook account and search for St. Mark's Episcopal Church Milwaukee.

It is a great way to stay in touch with happenings at St. Mark's, share pictures, and get to know other members better!

## Welcome to Baby Elijah!

Drew and April are proud parents of Elijah who arrived to this world on Wednesday, March 16th at approximately 2:30am weighing in at 8 pounds and 6 ounces!

Mom, Dad and Elijah are healthy and doing well!



# Ninth Annual Flower Sale

## Order Deadline: May 8th Flowers arrive on Sunday, May 22nd

Just a reminder that final preparations for our annual Flower Sale will start to take place beginning the weekend of April 10th. That is when our banner will appear on the corner and when order forms and flyers will begin appearing in your Sunday service bulletins, on bulletin boards around church and the neighborhood, on the St. Mark's website, and in printable e-mail form to you.

The actual sale date is Sunday, May 22nd. So please be sure to start planning your garden, yard, balcony or patio plantings now and circle May 22nd on your calendar. Actually, you should also circle May 8th because that is the deadline for orders to be submitted.

This year by popular demand, we are bringing back in-container and in-ground varieties of tomato plants.

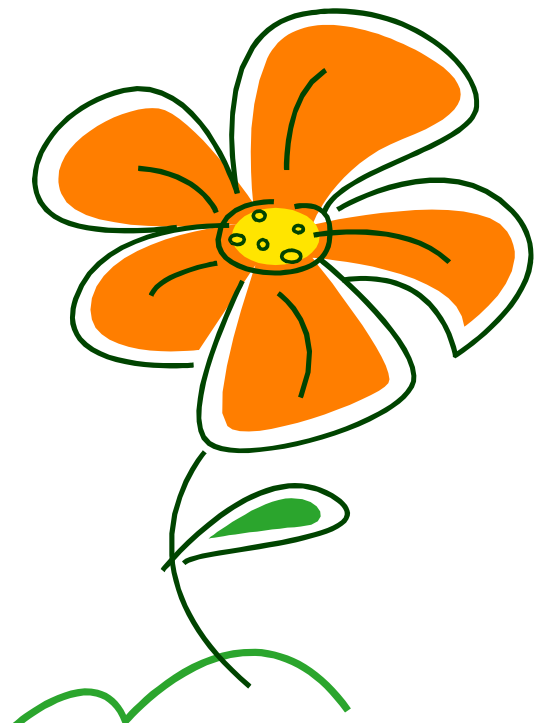
We know that we can count on many of you to volunteer to help on the weekend of the sale, Friday, May 20th, Saturday, May 21st, and Sunday, May 22nd; you will be needed and very much appreciated. However, volunteers are also needed before then. Here are some ways you can help before the sale weekend:

- distribute flyers to merchants, notice boards, etc. in the neighborhood
- contact neighbors, friends and those in your apartment and condo buildings to supply them with order forms
- volunteer to come to the church office on a Friday: April 8, 15, 22, 29 or May 6 to stuff Sunday bulletins with flower order forms
- volunteer to collect order forms left in pews on Sundays after the service and return them to the office
- collect empty Xerox paper boxes (or similar) and flats (such as beverages come in) for assembling individual orders. Bring them to church any time and put them on the benches at the east end of the Guild Hall so that Skrauss can store them for the sale.

The more people beyond the confines of St. Mark's who know about our sale—the more flowers and plants we will sell—and the more money we can raise for Outreach projects. Last year we raised over \$2,300. Let's see if we can't increase that amount to at least \$2,800 this year!

If you can help—in any way—please call Judy at 967-9439 or the church office at 962-0500 as soon as possible.

Thank You!



# Women's Book Group

**April 11th at 7pm**

The Women's Book Group next meeting will be on April 11th at 7pm at the home of Ellie Moseley. We will be discussing *The Art of Aging: A Doctor's Prescription for Well-Being* by Sherwin B. Nuland. The author writes that "we must study how to be old." Americans are living longer but not necessarily better lives.

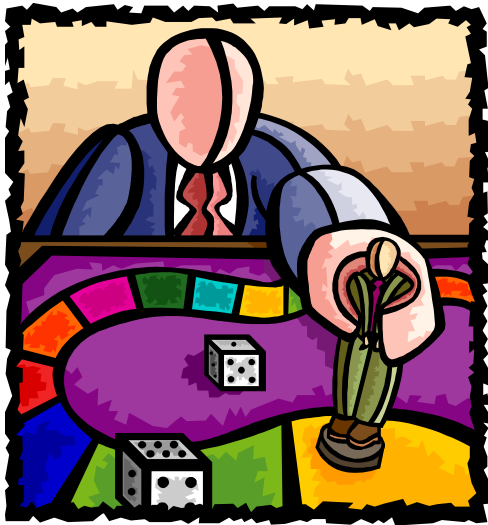
If you need directions or have questions, please call Ellie at (414) 967-0736.

Books can be purchased at Boswells for a ten-percent discount. All women of the church are invited.



## Music at St. Mark's Sunday, April 10th at 3pm

Come and enjoy the music of Scott Joplin, Chopin, Bach and Buxtehude as St. Mark's very own Music Director, Steve Wolff, will perform on piano and organ. Steve will also showcase some original works. Admission: Adults \$8; Senior Citizens \$6; High School and under free.



## Game Night Celebrating Fun and Fellowship Saturday, April 16th at 6:30pm

Saturday, April 16th, is the last game night until the fall. Our celebration of fun and fellowship begins at 6pm this month with a pot luck dinner.

Ellie Moseley said, "the worst dinner was one when there were ten plates of brownies." There is a sign-up sheet in the Guild Hall to avoid such tragedies. (Or, would that actually be serendipity?) If you have a last-minute change in plans, and suddenly decide to attend game night, please come regardless if you have signed up.

If you would like, bring a game you would enjoy playing. All kinds of games appear. The March game night had a rousing Wizard of Oz Monopoly game, an Apples to Apples tournament, rounds of nerve-jangling Jenga, and lively rounds of Mexican Train dominoes.

The fun ends at about 9pm, but people leave whenever it is convenient for them.

Please contact Ruth Corrdry if you have any questions.

# Men's Retreat

During the last weekend in March, the Men's Fellowship Group met at Harry Moseley's Cabin for their annual retreat. Despite the cold weather, everyone had a great time. Barry Eichinger warmed up everyone with his delicious Jambalaya—and with ice cream and cookies for dessert—it was a grand way to start the retreat on Friday night.

Steve Wolff and Norm Reynolds provided weekend theological reflection that created much discussion within the group. Steve provided information on the early church and opened discussion on the subjects the Trinity, Christian Emphasis on Belief, The Canon of Scripture and much more. Norm Reynolds discussed his latest published book, *Using a Time Warp to Get it Right*. John Boyland showed all of us how to use the *Prayer Book* to identify the correct scripture readings for Morning Prayer, Compline in the evening, and Sunday worship. Randy Miller also shared a music video called "Hope" that prompted additional discussion.



Did we mention that we took the side trip to the local cheese factory? With a bounty of good food and drinks, the lively discussions kept on flowing. Thanks to all who participated. We all had a great time!



## Congratulations, Ashley Green

Congratulations to St. Mark's Member, Ashley Green, and her Nicolet High School team who won the Division I basketball title. Ashley sealed the win by scoring a free throw shot with 2.2 seconds left in the game that made it a four point lead. She was the top scorer with 17 points!



## Our Next Generations Career Night

This year's Career's Night was again a huge success for all. Roughly 30 professionals and a similar number of high school students spent two hours talking about "career dreams and aspirations." From several reports, the conversations were lively and very focused.

Thanks to all of the fifteen St. Mark's volunteers who helped out. It was a great day for our parish's outreach efforts. Next year is a go.

# The Sunday School Bake Sale

## Sunday School Bake Sale - A Job Well Done!

The students of St. Mark's Bake Sale did a wonderful job of baking pretzels to sell at our annual bake sale on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour. We raised \$254.25 for the diocese Haitian project. That is enough to sponsor a student at St. Marc's in Jeanette, Haiti.

Thank you to everyone who donated goodies to sell, and a special shout-out to the Rite 13 students, Melinda Davies, Tricia Davies and Ally Johnson for helping in the kitchen and at the sale table.

We appreciate the support of the whole parish in our outreach efforts.



## Think Spring at the St. Mark's Art Gallery

"It is such fun to paint flowers! God's great gift to us are the flowers of many shapes, sizes, and colors to enjoy." --from Watercolor Artist, Gertrude Carol Martin, who is showcasing her work at the "Think Spring" Art Show running through April 28<sup>th</sup> at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Gallery.

Gertrude finds watercolors to be very challenging and she loves their transparency and luminosity. She's had no formal education, but is mostly self-taught with the help of many hours of reading art books and experimenting. Occasionally, Gertrude will paint a landscape for a change of pace. She also works in pen and ink and has done some Grandma Moses-style and children's paintings in acrylic.



# The Baby Shower



Drew and April were showered with gifts.



Drew shows off his diapering skills in a race against Ron Tunis and Donald Green.



Susan supervises and offers advice as Don races to dress his baby doll in a typical day-in-the-life relay race.

On Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's hosted a baby shower for Pastor April and her husband, Drew. Men, women and children were in attendance, and it was a wonderful celebration of life!

We enjoyed some rousing non-traditional baby games, such as a relay race where Drew, Ron Tunis and Donald Green were asked to live out a typical day with a baby. They needed to diaper and dress the a baby doll and then race around the perimeter of the Guild Hall.

Thank you to all of the St. Mark's members who contributed to the group gift: the Evolution Strider mega-stroller and weather protection shield that April and Drew requested on their registry, along with a year supply of diaper service. In addition, Drew and April appreciated all the individual gifts they also received.

Special thanks to Meg Edwards and Judy Young who helped with the coordination and Ruth Corddry who made the group card that everyone was invited to sign, and all those who devoted their time, talents, and delicious culinary skills that made the day so wonderful.

Stay tuned to the St. Mark's Facebook page, where additional pictures from the day will be available for viewing soon. Pictures are compliments of Marj Bjornstad.



A feast of treats was enjoyed by all!

# Camp Webb

Camp Webb is an outdoor ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee. Everyone who comes to Camp Webb is given the opportunity to learn more about themselves and others, to discover more about the Episcopal Church, to develop a greater spiritual awareness, and to encounter Christ through living and learning in God's creation. Campers will learn new skills, make new friends, create lasting memories and explore who they are and who God is in their lives.



This year camp will be held at the beautiful and centrally located Lutherdale Camp near Elkhorn. It has a lake, large playing fields, basketball court, archery range, large campfire pit, volleyball court, ropes course and more. We will be using the newly built Deback Family Lodge with open and inviting large group spaces, kitchenettes, beautiful sleeping quarters with attached bathrooms and more.

Each day consists of large group time, small group time, a wide variety of staff led activities from which the campers can choose (such as arts and crafts, music, meditation and journaling, games, hikes, archery, etc.), worship, evening activities, waterfront time and more. There will be special activities for the Junior and Senior High Week, including ropes course, special events, theme days, and much more!

Christian Formation is a part of the daily experience at Camp Webb. We believe that it is important to learn about Christ through scripture, music, drama, arts, storytelling, and outdoor worship. We will have a chaplain at each session of camp as well as visiting clergy and other guests to help guide us in our spiritual growth and Christian formation.

We invite and welcome all young people to share in the camp experience, so invite your friends, cousins and family! Camp Webb is open to all campers regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, age or handicap.

We believe that no child should miss camp because of money. Scholarship assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis. Please apply early for assistance. Also check with local resources such as your own parish (ask your pastor), church groups (women's/men's group, youth group, etc.).

Camps begin on Sunday at 2pm and end on Friday at 2pm with a closing ceremony. Children need to be picked up from camp by 3pm that day.

Camp is held at Lutherdale Camp at N7891 US Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI.

For more information about the camp, please contact The Rev. Shannon Kelly, Bishop's Assistant for Christian Formation, at [kelly@diomil.org](mailto:kelly@diomil.org) or visit: [www.campwebb.org](http://www.campwebb.org).

## Camp Schedule 2011

### Intermediate Camp

July 10-15 - 3rd - 6th graders

### Mixed Age Camp

July 17-22 - 3rd - 7th graders

### Middle/Senior High Camp

July 24-29 - 7th - 12th graders

### *Fees:*

#### **Regular Registration –**

Forms returned between April 2 and May 15 - \$400\*

**Late Registration –** Forms returned after May 15 - \$450\*

*Note: We must receive your registration form AND Health Form in full before any camper will be allowed to attend camp.*

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## St Mark's Welcomes All Guests and Visitors!

### Sunday Service 9:30 am

Childcare is provided from 9:00 - 11:30am

### Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**St. Mark's Office phone number:**

414-962-0500

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**The Rev. April Berends**, Rector

**The Reverend Michelle P. Mooney**, Deacon

**Stephen Wolff**, Director of Music

**John Cain**, Senior Warden

**Vince Katter**, Junior Warden

**Sandi Tunis**, Treasurer

**Stacy Roller**, Parish Administrator

**Bill Davies**, Book Keeper

**Jyoti Bratz**, Housekeeper

**Skrauss**, Sexton

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