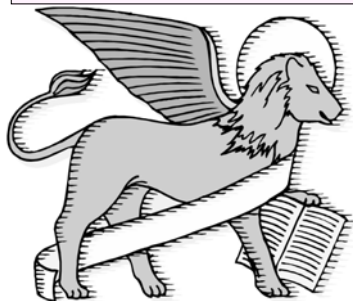


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## Summer at St. Mark's

Dear Friends,

Traditionally, the lazy days of summer bring about a quieter schedule for most churches, but that is not the case here at St. Mark's.

We are taking advantage of the beautiful summer days, and planning lots of celebrations and opportunities to continue our good works with our many outreach projects here at St. Mark's and throughout the neighborhood.

Celebrations begin on Sunday, June 5th, where we will celebrate John Hickey's ministry at a festive coffee hour in his honor. John, a former member of St. Mark's, fearlessly led us for the majority of Sundays while Pastor April was away on maternity leave. He inspired us through many bible study lessons and special workshops, and we are grateful for his inspirational guidance.

On Sunday, June 12th, we rejoice for the return of Pastor April who joins us just in time for Sunday School Recognition Day. During the service, our students and teachers will be acknowledged. Then after the service, we will enjoy a potluck picnic and fellowship in the playground area (weather permitting). Be sure to sign up in the Guild Hall to share a favorite summer dish or help with preparations.

Saturday, June 25th, promises to be a great day for St. Mark's and our surrounding neighborhood. Once again, St. Mark's members are raising funds by selling corn to hungry spectators at the Downer Classic Bike Race to support outreach ministries that serve people in need in our community and around the world. If you are interested in helping out, you can read more about it on page 2.

Before the children's races, we'll be hosting the Blessing of the Bikes, and we will also be adding another exciting feature to the Downer Classic events. Inspired by the need for a family area at the bike race, we will create a family-friendly zone in our green space.

Tables will be available for bike spectators to take a moment from the busy crowds, eat delicious corn and listen to music featuring the St. Mark's Jazz Quartet along with other musicians affiliated with different East Side churches. Our playground will be open for business, and we will have demonstrations and activities that will delight children of all ages. Help will be needed for these children's activities, so if creativity is your specialty, contact Stacy Roller in the office or Michelle Mooney.

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# Summer at St. Mark's

Please join us on June 25<sup>th</sup> and show your support for St. Mark's and our surrounding community. With tasty corn, uplifting music and now more kid activities, the Downer Classic has something for everyone, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to the event. This is a great opportunity to show our neighbors that we care about them while having fun in the process.

But the Downer Classic isn't the only exciting event to look forward to. Here at St. Mark's, we also are also compiling a cookbook, organizing a Craft Fair, Rummage Sale and Bake Sale. And it is not too early to start thinking of how you can contribute to the Taste of the East Side event that is scheduled for September.

Stay tuned to parish emails and Sunday bulletins for the most up-to-date information on times and locations. Enjoy your summer, but don't take a vacation from church, you won't want to miss a thing!

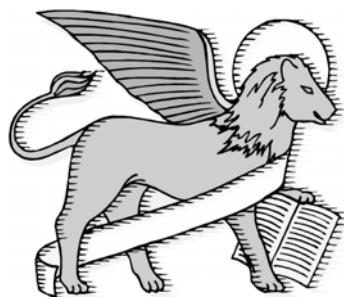


## Join a fantastic team of your fellow parishioners and enjoy the Downer Classic Bike Race Saturday, June 25th

St. Mark's is raising money for its outreach projects at the Downer Classic Bike Race on June 25th.

Helpers are needed to prepare the corn, feed the corn roaster and sell wonderful, tasty, hot roasted corn to spectators and people in the neighborhood. The Bike Race draws thousands of people to the East Side, and we could use your help setting up, and continuing right through dinner time and into the evening. There are loads of hungry families who appreciate us being there.

Contact Harry Moseley or a member of the Outreach Ministry Committee if you can work for an hour or more on the afternoon of Saturday, June 25th. Enjoy the excitement of the Bike Race and help raise needed support for our outreach projects! This is a great family volunteer activity!



## Summer Schedule for the St. Mark's Newsletter

*The St. Mark's Lion* is going into summer hiatus this year, and we will be publishing just this one edition to cover both months of June and July. Stay tuned to our Weekly Happenings emails and Sunday bulletin notes to stay up-to-date throughout the summer months. And if you have any questions regarding any event, or you would like to add something to the announcements, you can always contact the church office at (414) 962-0500.

# Deacon's Corner



There are two opportunities for neighborhood outreach coming up. The first is a new proposal to build a Garden and Grounds Guild to maintain our beautiful courtyard and grounds for our community and the neighborhood. The second is the Downer Avenue Bike Race that is taking place on Saturday, June 25th.

Using the folks at All Saint's Cathedral as a model, who for years have met weekly during the late spring and summer to collectively maintain their beautiful gardens, I propose that we establish a Garden and Grounds Guild that will care for our property. We of course, also house a memorial garden in the courtyard that is the resting place of increasing numbers of our parishioners. It is a special and sacred space that needs to be taken care of well.

I would like to see us form a group of gardeners that will work and socialize as part of a regular maintenance routine. It will not involve heavy work, but rather the on-going tending of the flowers and shrubs. Grass mowing will still be done by Skrauss.

I am thinking that an hour and a half of work would be done on a regular evening of the week, with perhaps a stop off at one of the local pubs/restaurants afterwards. We could start on Tuesdays evenings around 6pm and end at 7:30pm. There would be supervision and directions by Jane Shero and others, so no gardening experience is required— just a desire to make our grounds beautiful and have fun would be necessary.

In the coming weeks, we will be contacting you to see of your interest. Please think about this fun new way to bring more natural beauty to St. Mark's.

The second volunteer activity that needs help is our participation in the annual Downer Classic Bike Race. We are once again roasting corn for our outreach activities, but some new events for the day are being planned right now. Stacy Roller, our parish administrator, is helping to bring together musicians from various East Side churches who will provide music on a bandstand located on our green space the day of the race.

Sharing the green space with the bands, we are hoping to have a "Take your bike on the bus" demo from the Milwaukee County Transit System and perhaps a hands-on, environmental education and local stewardship booth (maybe a small petting zoo?) provided by friends at one of our local non-profits. There will also be a bouncy house, face painting and other kids activities that our neighbor, Church in the City is providing. And of course, we will be once again providing the "Blessing of the Bikes" at the kids' races by Pastor April.

We hope that we will provide a really family-friendly component to the day of the race. The Downer Merchants are very excited with our proposed contributions. If you have a special skill you would like to volunteer or additional activities that would enhance our family-zone on the day of the event, Contact Harry Moseley, Michelle Mooney or Stacy Roller to volunteer to help.

*Deacon Michelle*

# St. Mark's Rummage Sale



## Spring cleaning to help raise funds for St. Mark's

Spring is here and it is time to check to see if last year's fashions still fit while getting the garage, basement and attic in order. While you are changing out your wardrobe or doing some spring cleaning/de-cluttering, consider saving the items that you don't need for:

## The St. Mark's Rummage Sale Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th

Save your gently used (and clean!) clothes, house wares and other select rummage items for delivery the week before the St. Mark's Rummage Sale.

Please don't bring: things that are broken, clothes beyond cleaning, repair or fashion, tube-type TVs, VCR's, computers more than five years old, or other electronics that don't work (most of these items need to be taken directly to your local recycling/self-help center). Please don't make the cost of disposal eat up the proceeds we hope to realize for the church.

If you have really GREAT items to donate, please talk to Vince Katter and consider donating them to the Taste of the East Side (TOES) event to be held in September.



## BAKE SALE!!! BAKE SALE!!! Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th

St. Mark's will hold a two-day bake sale along side the Rummage and Craft sale on August 5th and 6th. We are looking for bakers to contribute treats and volunteers to work the sale on the days of the event.

If you are interested in helping out, please call the church office for Sandy Boltz's contact information, Sandy is the committee head of this Bake Sale and she is looking for committee members to make this sale a winner and money-raiser for the St. Mark's outreach program.

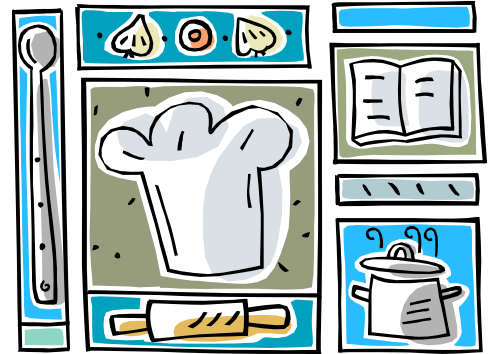
We hope to headline this bake sale with samples of baked goods that appear in our upcoming St. Mark's Cook Book ...Mmmm, yummy days are coming!!!!



# St. Mark's Cook Book

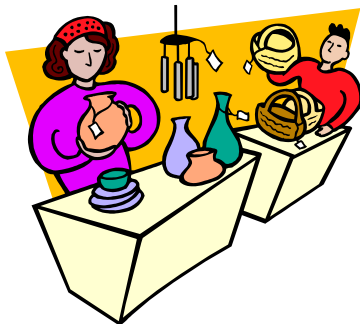
For generations, cooking has brought people together. Sharing food and sharing recipes is a great way for us to get to know one another better. That is why St. Mark's is putting together a new cookbook this summer and we need your recipes.

We have received a number of interesting and delicious recipes submitted so far. Kathy Katter has submitted HamYamLeek, a favorite of the Katter kids as they grew up. Andrew Muriuki has kindly shared his recipe for chapattis, a round, flat, unleavened bread common and popular in Kenya and other Eastern Africa countries. Andrew's mother used to make them for special occasions and during the holidays. And Kay West has included her Santa's Midnight Delight Pie Crust Cookies that earned her an honorable mention in the 2010 Christmas Cookie Contest held by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. But we want to hear from more of you!



Do you have a tried and true recipe that has been passed down through the generations? Or if you don't have a traditional recipe, how about a contemporary one that everyone raves over? Or perhaps you want to share the recipe of a treat you plan on making for the bake sale? We are hoping to compile recipes for the following categories: Appetizers and Beverages; Soups, Salads and Vegetables; Main Courses; Breads; Desserts; Christmas Traditions and Easter Treats. As an added treat, you have the opportunity to share a memory that is attached to it or explain why your recipe is special.

**How do I submit a recipe? Is it difficult?** Recipe submission forms are attached to the St. Mark's weekly happening emails for your convenience. It is super easy. Just click on the appropriate boxes, type your recipe and send it by email to Stacy at the church office, or if you prefer, forms will be available in the Guild Hall where you can hand write your recipe. Just look for the Cookbook Box decorated with scrumptious treats. Send in one recipe—or a dozen! If you have difficulty using the electronic submission form, Stacy in the church office is more than willing to help. In addition, Kay West will be making announcements on Sunday mornings, and she is available if you have questions. **Recipe submissions are due by June 10<sup>th</sup>.**



## Crafters Needed for Sale! Nimble fingers and fun ideas wanted!

The St. Mark's Rummage Sale will be held August 5th and 6th this year. New to the sale is a special opportunity for local parish artists and crafters to sell their wares. While rummage bargains can be discovered in the basement, art and crafting treasures will be available to purchase in the Guild Hall.

There will be a \$25 fee for booth rental. If you or someone you know knits, paints, sews, creates jewelry or other crafts and would be interested in displaying and selling their items, have them contact Kay West, crafter novice for more information.

# Outreach Ministry Spotlight: Pathfinders, Inc.



On any given night in Milwaukee, 400 homeless adolescents are sleeping under overpasses, in cardboard boxes, or in unheated abandoned buildings, eating out of garbage bins, and being physically, sexually and emotionally abused by others ([pathfindersmke.org](http://pathfindersmke.org)).

Our St. Mark's community, through our outreach efforts, supports the mission of Pathfinders, Inc.: "Helping young people in need take charge of their lives, connect to others, and contribute to the community." If you are a homeless, traumatized youth, it's very difficult to take charge of your life or even connect to others—but Pathfinders helps in many different ways.

Pathfinders, formerly known as The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, began in the basement of St. Mary's Hospital in the early '70s as a hotline and drop-in center for youth dealing with drug issues. Over the years, the all-volunteer staff in the basement of St. Mary's Hospital has grown into a \$2.5 million non-profit agency, located on North Holton Street, providing multiple services for youth in our community. Those services include a Youth Shelter for some of the homeless adolescents of Milwaukee; a Drop-In Center for those in need of a meal, clean clothes, a shower and connecting with others; General Mental Health Services which provides counseling and support for youth and their families; the Hand-in-Hand program for youth who have survived sexual abuse; the Step 5 Program for youth with sexual behavior problems; Prevention and Outreach services to the community; and lastly, a premier graduate and post-graduate mental health training program ([pathfindersmke.org](http://pathfindersmke.org)).

Each year, Pathfinders serves safety, hope and healing to more than 7,800 clients. The programs which are managed by 50 professional certified therapists, consultants and managers are designed to protect youth, strengthen individuals and families, and improve the mental health of those suffering from difficult challenges ([pathfindermke.org](http://pathfindermke.org)). Both the staff and the clients served represent the vast diversity of our community. Ninety-percent of those served are under the age of 25, 68% are male, and 31% are female, 79% are black, 16% are Hispanic, 6% are white, and the balance are Native American, Asian, and Pacific Islander.

In our St. Mark's community, we have both current and former staff members of Pathfinders, as well as volunteers. We have had the opportunity to see the work of Pathfinders on the frontline, as well as the work necessary to ensure the program and financial viability of the agency, and we are pleased by what we see. As a community, we believe the work of Pathfinders is essential to our well-being as a community, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to support the mission of Pathfinders, Inc.

David Franczyk



# The Women's Book Group

**Monday, June 27th at 7pm**

The Women's Book Group will meet on June 27th at 7pm at the Home of Barbara Costanzo. **Please note the change in location.** We will be discussing *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. In this book, New York Times columnist Kristof and his wife, WuDunn, a former Times reporter, make a brilliantly-argued case for investing in the health and autonomy of women worldwide.

All women of the church are invited. Books can be purchased at Boswell's for a ten-percent discount. Please call the church office for Barbara's contact information if you need directions to her home or have questions.



## 2011 Graduates

If you or someone in your household is graduating from middle school, high school, college or graduate school this year, please call or email the parish office and let us know the name of the graduate and the school from which he or she is graduating—along with future plans if they are known.

## 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.



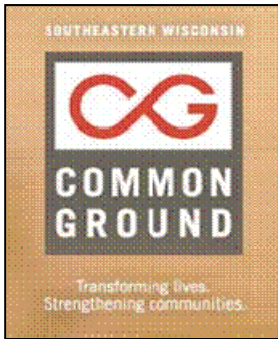
# June 2011 Calendar

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# Common Ground at St. Mark's



On May 23, 2011, Common Ground kicked-off a foreclosure project that will rehab over 100 hundred homes initially in the Sherman Park neighborhood of Milwaukee. With an over-flowing crowd in the auditorium of St. Joseph's Hospital, members and supporters celebrated the start of a new beginning for that neighborhood.

With the mayor and our own bishop, The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, present and speaking, members heard how this foreclosure project entitled, "Milwaukee Rising," will bring new hope and beautifully reclaimed properties to Sherman Park. The program has the financial support of the City of Milwaukee, private foundations, Towne Reality, St. Joseph's Hospital and a host of churches and individuals.

The only component missing are the local banks, that while committing to cooperate, have yet to put significant dollars into the mix. But Common Cause is still working with them and expects to have cooperation and investment from them in the near future.

The Wisconsin Health Cooperative (WHC) is on target to begin insuring small businesses and individuals beginning this summer. Initial enrollment has been active with the promise of good coverage, restrained annual increases, and contracts with all the major health systems as part of the offering.

The Education Reform Project, It's All About The Children, is presently meeting with local and state officials, as well as school boards and administrators, as it researches how it can impact reforms for better public education. The focus is on the Milwaukee Public Schools, including the choice and charter alternatives in the city, but other municipalities are also involved and being researched.

If you want to join in participating in any of these programs of Common Cause, contact Jennifer O'Hear, Janet Martin, Harry Moseley or Michelle Mooney.

## Garden and Grounds Guild at St. Mark's



Despite the threats of impending weather, our first Garden Party took place on Tuesday, May 31st. Participants learned the clever art of container planting and weed removal while enjoying refreshments in the St. Mark's courtyard.

The Garden and Grounds Guild will meet Tuesdays at 6pm throughout the spring and summer months, and under the tutelage of Jane Shero and Michelle Mooney, everyone who has a love of gardening—experienced or not—can help to make our parish gardens beautiful.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jane Shero or Michelle Mooney for more information. We hope to see you at the next Garden Party.

# St. Mark's Art Gallery

## “Places and Things of Beauty” Pastel Paintings by Rhoda Tews

“Working with pastels is a sheer joy. I strive to achieve a presence, a sense of place and life in my work. If the observer can share the identity of the place, feel the texture of the animal’s coat, hear the roar of the sea or the scream of the gull, respond to the flower’s beauty in my work, then I know I am on the right path. There is so much beauty in lights and shadows, and to convey that beauty in my paintings is my commitment and delight.” ~ Rhoda Tews

Rhoda’s paintings are on display at the St. Mark's Gallery through July 7, 2011.

### Gallery hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9am - 1pm

Wednesday, 9am - 5pm

Saturday, 10am - noon

Sunday, 9am - noon

The Gallery is closed on Thursdays; appointments for viewing the art when the Gallery is not open may be made by calling the office at (414) 962-0500.



## Music Corner by Music Director Steve Wolff

Trinity Sunday falls very late in June this year, and since the choir has traditionally participated in Sunday Eucharist from the Sunday after Labor Day until Trinity Sunday, the last choral service before the summer recess this year will be June 19th. The choir works very hard and contributes significantly to our worship, and this summer break from their duties is much deserved and needed.

At the close of our season, on behalf of all of us at St. Mark's, let me offer sincere and joyful thanks to all the members of the choir for their significant offering of time and talent. You are much appreciated here at St. Mark's, and I cannot express enough my personal appreciation for the happiness the choir brings to my own life. And although our most pressing task in worship is to articulate and fortify the faith of the community at St. Mark's—and although we take that task very seriously—we certainly do not take ourselves seriously. Our rehearsal time is peppered with banter and fun and a pervasive generosity and good will (and Susan Rohde's obligatory Norwegian Lutheran jokes). Again, thank you much, each and every chorister, for your contribution to our spiritual life! Also a deep thanks to our Artists in Residence—Mark Niehaus and Mike Keegan, and the many musicians who have enriched our worship services and other events with their musical talent: Todd Domenget, Randy Miller, Luke Repetti, Melanie Faust, Jana Troutmann-Miller, Ginny Schrag, David Reber and Terry Smirl. And thanks to those who joined the choir for the shorter stints at Christmas and Easter: Melanie Faust, David Franczyk, Ginny Schrag, and Chris Tunis. Thank you all deeply and sincerely.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries in June and July

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01 Alice Nelson  
6/05 Bjorn Akerblom  
6/05 Catherine Lacy  
6/06 Frank Green  
6/08 Stephen Wolff  
6/10 Michael LaSusa  
6/11 Brook Bennett  
6/11 Chris Berg  
6/12 Virginia Chappell  
6/13 Barb Franczyk  
6/18 John Boyland  
6/23 Mary Huntington  
6/26 Lauren O'Hear  
6/28 Jane Lacy  
6/29 David Platcow  
6/29 Tim Keller  
6/29 Todd Domenget



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/03 Michael Williams, Sr.  
7/05 Sophie Parker  
7/06 Demetria Cain  
7/08 Frank West  
7/09 Bruce Jacobs  
7/11 David Franczyk  
7/15 Joseph Slocum  
7/18 Marie Arndorfer  
7/21 Elizabeth Jacobs  
7/21 Marj Bjornstad  
7/30 Richard Aster

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/17 Mary Ross and Bill Davies  
7/25 David and Joan Kuehl

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/08 April Berends and Drew Bunting  
6/14 Mark and Amy Diliberti  
6/15 Richard and Karen Mollenhauer  
6/17 Andrew and Janet Martin  
6/23 Jane Shero and Michael Weiner  
6/25 Dave and Barbara Franczyk  
6/27 Rhonda and Richard Goldie  
6/28 William and Eleanor Wainwright  
6/29 John and Georgia Cain  
6/30 Harry and Ellie Moseley

**Come celebrate  
John Hickey's service to  
St. Mark's on Sunday, June 5th  
after worship**

During Pastor April's absence, John Hickey has conducted informative bible study sessions, and has led our flock with his thought-provoking Sunday sermons. Since April will be returning on June 12th, John's last Sunday preaching at St. Mark's will be Sunday, June 5th. Join us at a festive coffee hour to thank John for his service and send him off with warm wishes.



# Sunday School News



Come help us celebrate our children and another great year of Sunday School! Pastor April will return June 12<sup>th</sup> for Sunday School Recognition Day, and we will have a picnic after the service.

All the Sunday School students will be recognized during the service, and Pastor April will have a child-friendly sermon for them as well. Our dedicated teachers also will be thanked for their service to our St. Mark's children.

Please join us for this Sunday of joy and fun. And stay for the picnic! St. Mark's will be providing the meat, drinks and condiments, but we could use some side dishes and desserts. A sign-up sheet is in the Guild Hall.

## Special thanks!

I want to give special thanks for the blessing of our wonderful Sunday School teachers this year. Ruth Corddy, Meg Edwards, Paula Wheeler and Mary Ross have shown great commitment to St. Mark's children and the Sunday School program. Thank you!!

~Jane Shero



## 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 delicious, fairly-traded Equal Exchange gourmet coffee used at coffee hour. It couldn't be an easier way to help the church, support family farms that use organic methods, and contribute to worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.

Sponsorships are monthly, and there is a sign up sheet on the Guild Hall bulletin board (next to the altar flower sign-up sheet) to sponsor the coffee purchased for coffee hour and all church functions. Similar to flower donations, coffee hour can be dedicated to memorials, celebrations and anniversaries. Just contact the church office to make certain your dedication is included in the weekly bulletins.

Unlike the weekly flower dedications, your coffee dedication will be included in the bulletin for one whole month!

# Vestry Priorities for 2011

The Vestry seeks YOUR input on its two important priorities for the current year: increasing church attendance on Sundays and improving our processes for engaging newcomers to help them feel they have found a church home. Several brainstorming sessions have been held, and we are moving toward establishing key action items for summer and fall. Please bring your ideas to a member of the Vestry or one of the wardens.

Another important action item is to provide greater clarity to the parish about financial policies and procedures. A parish-wide information session about finances and giving is in the planning stages for fall. In the months ahead, watch for news of parish fundraising activities. A huge Rummage Sale and Craft Fair are planned for the first Friday and Saturday of August (read more about it on page 4 and 5), and Taste of the East Side is scheduled for September 17th.

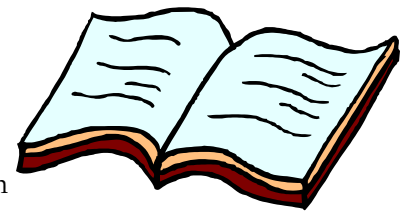
~Virginia Chappell, Clerk of the Vestry

## A letter to the St. Mark's parish from Andy Martin:

I want to thank all those who have been so kind and thoughtful about my current medical condition. While I have made substantial progress in my recovery, I still have more to accomplish. The more than 100 cards, responses on the CaringBridge blog, and phone calls, have been very encouraging and considerate. Your thoughts have helped me in regaining my balance, coordination, and general ability to take care of myself. With time, I should be back to normal. Thank you all so much. Keep praying for me and each other.

Andy Martin

## A newly published book from St. Mark's Member, Norm Reynolds:



Have any of you noticed the body language of the men who participated in this last Men's Retreat: the self confidence, that glint in the eye, the insatiable drive to volunteer? Well, some of it is due to the culinary skills of Barry Eichinger and Frank West. And some of it is due to Steve Wolff's discussion of the roots of the Trinity or perhaps John Boyland's explanation of the *Book of Common Prayer* and its organization. I suspect that some is also the result of reading my short story: "Using a time warp to get it right: a dialogue with disciples" by Br. Spike Jonas (aka Norm Reynolds, Jr.) and published by Authorhouse.

If you are interested, you can try to borrow a copy from one of the men on the retreat, or you can Google [Authorhouse.com](http://Authorhouse.com) and enter the title: "Using a time warp to get it right: a dialogue with disciples." The price is under \$10 including postage and handling.

# 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. 9:00am - 1:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am - 5:00pm

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

(414) 962-0500

Eastside Senior Services: (414) 961-0661

**The Right Reverend Steven A. Miller**, Bishop of Milwaukee

**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

### Vestry Members

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