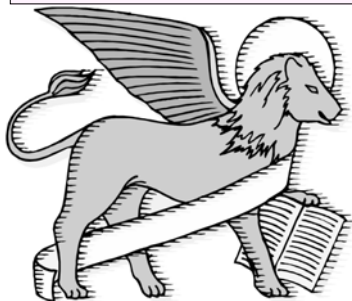


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The Lion

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Rector's Reflections Go Spread Some Joy

*Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the
Rock of our salvation.*

~Psalm 95:1

Dear Friends,

My son, Elijah, is a happy little guy. He loves being held, by his parents and by others, and his face is often home to a winsome smile. He started chuckling a few months ago, but in recent weeks, he has been all-out laughing, filling our house with joyful noise.

Many days, before I go off to work at St. Mark's, or when Drew is heading out of the house with Elijah, I will say to him, "Go spread some joy."

It's easy for Elijah to do that without trying all too hard. People stop and ask if they may look at him in the grocery store, or cross over to the side of the street we're on when we're out for a walk just so that they can meet him. Often he rewards their efforts with a wide grin. Some of you at St. Mark's have witnessed his happiness at pastoral or newcomer visits, or during the occasional evening meetings when Drew and I are juggling our two-parish schedule. I am incredibly grateful to those of you who help care for him during church services or at coffee hour.

As I observe my son and see the expressions on people's faces as they encounter him, I think we could all do with a little more joy.

As people made, redeemed, and held by God's grace, we have much cause for joy. And yet so often, we struggle to show forth this joy in our lives. It seems easy for babies to spread joy without even really thinking about it, but many of us find our joy fettered by work and schedules, by fret and fear, and by the daily burdens we all carry.

What's squelching your joy? What things prevent you from delighting in God's promises, in this world God has made, in the companions God has given you to share it?

Share your faith



and joy!

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Rector's Reflections



Like us, our neighbors live lives filled with challenges, and they long for a word of hope as much as we do. What would happen if you offered a word of encouragement to someone at work? What would happen if you told your neighbor, "I give thanks to God for you?" What would it look like for you to wear your joy on the outside?

Each Sunday here at St. Mark's we gather here to voice our thanksgiving, to confess our sins, to hear God's forgiveness, and to taste God's bread. We are reminded that Jesus Christ heals broken bodies and aching hearts. We know that he searches tirelessly for those who are lost. We lay claim to the fact that death is not the last word, and that we share Christ's resurrection life.

Each Sunday, we are sent forth into the world, but we don't go forth as the same old people. We go forth as people whose lives shine with the light of Christ. We go forth as broken people restored to wholeness. We go forth as God's family, called to share the happiest of news.

Go spread some joy.

April

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 2nd at 4pm



On Sunday, October 4th at 4pm, St. Mark's will host a Blessing of the Animals in the green space to mark the Feast of St. Francis. We will offer prayers giving thanks for the goodness of creation, and offer special blessings for the animal companions with whom we share this earth and our lives.

Pet owners are invited to bring their animal friends for a blessing. Please make sure that dogs are on leashes, and that animals who may be prone to running, hopping or slithering away are contained in an appropriate traveling vessel. If you don't have a pet, but still want to join in the celebration, you are welcome to bring a picture of an animal or a picture of God's creation.

In thanksgiving for the beauty and diversity of God's creation, we will be collecting an offering of non-perishable pet food items to share with our friends at the Wisconsin Humane Society.

Please invite your fellow animal-lovers to this fun and festive celebration. The Blessing of the Animals is a great way to introduce your friends, neighbors and fellow dog-walkers to the St. Mark's community.

Deacon's Corner



I am in Italy taking a long awaited vacation with the Moseleys. Vacations with friends and family are one of the joys of my life. To spend time with no agendas or deadlines, few responsibilities or cares, is life enhancing.

I have memories of vacations than span back to when I was 3 years old. I really do. I remember with vivid detail what we did, who we met in my family in France, and what a pleasure it was to see my parents happy and carefree after a long separation from loved ones. It was 1945.

Vacations after that weren't quite so memorable as family events, but I still remember learning to hike 10 miles, catching a trout in a high mountain stream, riding a horse, and running with my sister and friends all over the then Village of Estes Park, Colorado for the full month of August every summer of my youth. The lack of supervision and freedom was intoxicating to an 8 year old.

Those days are long gone of course, but I still savor the time to build relationships, common history, new friends, and savor time just experiencing life. I hope you had the opportunity to take some time for yourself this past summer. And if not, I hope the future will hold some for you. It need not be far away, just some time to decompress and enjoy life simply.

Deacon Michelle

The Pumpkins are Here!

Much to the delight of the children in our neighborhood, the St. Mark's pumpkin patch is open for business! We have a wide variety of quality pumpkins and decorative gourds that are as fresh as can be. Our pumpkins come from the "Land of Giants" pumpkin farm, a local supplier from Sturtevant, WI.

This will be our seventh year of not only selling pumpkins but also reaching out to our neighborhood as well as building friendships within St. Mark's.

The sales generated from the pumpkin sale, support local and world-wide agencies that provide services to the less fortunate both near and far away.

Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 22nd from 1pm to 4pm

The pumpkin sale will be even more festive than usual with special activities being offered for children. The J2A group will be helping with pumpkin sales and an afternoon of facepainting, kid's crafts and treats. If you have an idea, craft, or skill to volunteer, please contact the church office. We are open to any suggestions to make this event a fun and memorable one!



Outreach Ministry Spotlight

Five Talents

Fighting Poverty, Creating Jobs, Transforming Lives

Multiplying Five Talents for South Sudan

Spotlight by: Joyce Tang Boyland

You've all heard this summer about South Sudan emerging from decades of war into nationhood, separated now from (northern) Sudan. You may know that South Sudan has rich natural resources but bottom-of-the-heap levels of education and almost non-existent infrastructure – its land and its people vulnerable to exploitation. The good news here is that you, as members of St. Mark's, along with the Diocese of Milwaukee and the organization Five Talents, are – already – a part of the solution.

A year and a half ago, our parish invited Craig Cole of Five Talents International to present its work to us for our consideration. We were impressed by how well Five Talents fit our vision of integrating spiritual and practical development, empowering from the grassroots up, and breaking cycles of poverty and building capacity among the impoverished and marginalized. They brought some amazing stories. Here's one: In a group of villages in southern Sudan, ethnic tensions had risen to a point that one ethnic group went to a neighboring group's village and burned it down, sparing just one building – the bank that Five Talents had helped to create, where members of both ethnic groups have assets invested. We were inspired by the transformation they had sparked, and made a decision to support their work in micro-lending and job creation.

We have continued to uphold our relationship with Five Talents, and now our contribution is being multiplied. The Diocese of Milwaukee, through its Millennium Development Goals funds, awarded St. Mark's a grant to fund its proposal to participate in Five Talents' Literacy and Financial Education Program (LFEP). This spiritually sensitive and culturally appropriate program equips the people of South Sudan not only with the literacy and financial skills to build their nation's economy from the ground up, but also sets in place infrastructure (like the community bank noted above) that helps mend the social fabric of the community.

If creating jobs and preparing people to succeed in them sounds like a task that we can't accomplish, remember that we can and will, with God's help. A loan of just \$99 is enough for a family of nine to turn their life around by starting a new business – and when that loan is repaid with interest, that same \$99 is re-cycled, widening the circle to another family, year after year. Literacy and numeracy training further increase the rate of success. One way you can contribute painlessly is to tithe from any windfall income you might receive (e.g. tax refunds, etc.), remembering that we have been given “five talents” to invest and share. Though our offerings may seem meager, God multiplies what we bring, beyond what we can imagine.

South Sudan is waiting to see what God will do! And now, thanks to a foundation grant, all new donors' gifts toward the South Sudan program will be matched, up till \$45,000.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund

Second Sunday Offerings for the Rector's Discretionary Fund

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."
Matthew 25:35-36

According to the rules governing parish finances in the Episcopal Church, on one Sunday each month, the loose plate offering (those funds not designated toward pledge payments or other special offerings) are to be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund, according to Canon III.9 5(b) (6), specifies that these funds are "to be applied to such pious and charitable uses as the Rector shall determine."

What are these "pious and charitable uses?" When people come seeking assistance at St. Mark's, the Rector may use these funds to help with needs that may arise. The Rector's Discretionary Fund has been used to help out with things such as rent and utility payments, medical expenses, groceries and tuition for Camp Webb. The fund is used to assist people within the community of St. Mark's and those who come to our doors seeking help. Monies from the discretionary fund are not given directly to individuals, but are paid to a third party such as a landlord, utility company, or pharmacy. Records of payments are kept for auditing purposes, but names of those seeking assistance remain anonymous.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is one of the ways that we at St. Mark's carry out Christ's call to serve our neighbors in need. Beginning on October 9th, the loose plate offering for the second Sunday of each month will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. While your generous giving is always appreciated, it will be especially appreciated on second Sundays, when your non-pledge contributions will provide immediate assistance to people in our community who have real and pressing financial need.



Should you wish to make a contribution to the Rector's Discretionary Fund using a check, please mark "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line.

'Sundries from the Avenue' collection for St. James'



St. James' Episcopal Church, Milwaukee, will once again take up a collection of toothbrushes, paste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, razors, shaving cream, floss, bandages, tissue, and feminine products to provide to single adults and families living on low-incomes, fixed-incomes or with no incomes. Please help them meet this critical need by bringing un-used travel-sized sundries to church and place them in the box marked "Sundries for St. James" in the Guild Hall by October 13th. The representatives from St. Mark's will deliver them at the Convention.

October 2011 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 9:30AM Sunday School 11AM - 12PM J2A	26	27 7:15AM - 8:15AM Yoga 10AM - 12PM Thrift Shop 7:30PM - 9PM Alcoholics Anonymous	28 Pumpkin Tent Set-up 4PM - 5:50PM Argentine Tango 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir	29 7:15AM - 8:15AM Yoga 4PM Pumpkin Delivery 5:45PM - 6:15 PM Mark's Bistro Dinner 6:15PM - 7:30PM Discussion 7:30PM - 8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous	30 1PM Pumpkins Go on Sale 6PM - 8:30PM J2A Dinner 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	1 10AM - 12PM Thrift Shop
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Important Dates



BIRTHDAYS

10/05	Melinda Davis
10/06	Caroline Devitt
10/06	Mark Diliberti
10/09	Nick Katter
10/14	Charlie Styles
10/16	Bill Davies
10/18	Sandra Boltz
10/19	Sharon Maier
10/24	Sarah Aster
10/30	Joanna Boyland
10/31	Nikki Domenget

ANNIVERSARIES

10/25 Mike and Kelly Schmitt

The Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet on October 31st at 8 pm at the home of Michelle Mooney. We will be discussing *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff. This Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, strives to reveal the real Cleopatra as a canny political strategist and tough negotiator and not simply define her by her beauty and the men in her life.



Books can be purchased at Boswell on Downer Avenue for a ten-percent discount. All women of the church are invited. Friends and guests are very welcome. Please contact Michelle if you need directions to her home.

Communications Meeting Sunday, October 23rd after worship

Committee and group leaders, please mark your calendar and plan on attending our next communications meeting. Summer is a busy time at St. Mark's and we have a lot going on, so make certain that if you are unable to attend, someone will be their to represent your group.



Flower Sponsors Needed

There are only three Sundays without flower sponsors before 2012.

Do you have a birthday, anniversary or memorial in your family which could be remembered with flowers in church?

Available dates: November 13 and 20th and December 4th.

Please sign up on the Flower Chart on the wall next to the library doors in the Guild Hall. Thanks from the St. Mark's Flower Guild.

Stewardship: Rejoicing in God's Gifts



Stewardship Campaign

“But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

2 Corinthians 4:7

Scripture teaches us that everything we have, even life itself, is a gift from God. We have been entrusted by God with time, talents, and treasure to manage, as we make our way in the world. When we stop to consider these gifts, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Once we assume that posture of gratitude, the way we live our lives each day requires decision as about how best to use the resources that have been given to us as stewards of God's abundance and ministers of God's transforming love.

And, then, in the midst of working this out for ourselves, we are invited, and even challenged, to work on stewarding God's resources and with one another. The membership of St. Mark's has shown itself to be generous, thoughtful, and sacrificial, over and over again – and the call to respond generously, thoughtfully, and sacrificially comes again. We have an opportunity, as members of this community of faith, to show gratitude for God's many gifts.

The Stewardship Campaign this fall will kick off October 30th, with a brunch following the 9:30am Service. At the brunch, there will be a short presentation on the draft budget of the Church for 2012. This year's campaign will include opportunities to discuss stewardship and any other concerns with parish leaders. We also hope to reach out to those who are new in our community to invite them into the joys of giving at St. Mark's. We will wrap up the Campaign with the ingathering and blessing of pledges on December 4th.

The Stewardship Committee invites your prayers and thoughtful participation in support of our common life at St. Mark's and in the wider world, as we all work together as agents of God's grace.

St Mark's Stewardship Team for 2011

Chair: Frank West

Members: Meg Edwards, Vince Katter, Janet Martin, Michelle Mooney, Harry Moseley, Jan Rhodes, Sandi Tunis



St. Mark's Garden Guild

St. Mark's Garden Guild celebrated the end of a successful (and fun!) season in the church gardens with a pizza party. Thanks to all who participated in the weeding, watering, pruning, etc. during this hot summer, especially Michelle Mooney (who got us organized!), Nicholas Corddry, Barbara Costanzo, Meg Edwards, Mark Heffron, Brad and Katherine Kirschner, Ginny Schrag, Susan Willets, and Judy Young.

Hope to see you next year in the gardens!

Welcome back to Sunday School!

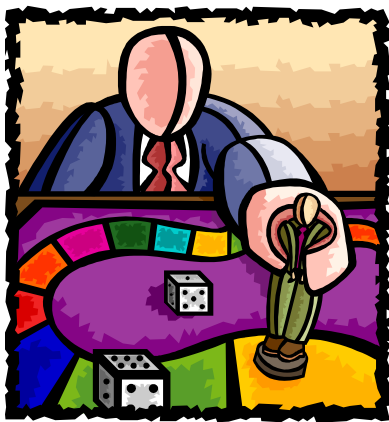


September 11th was St. Mark's first day of Sunday School for this school year. We met in the Guild Hall for our prayer circle. We thanked God for his blessings and prayed for those in need. The children offered prayers for the friends and families of the 9/11 victims, the victims of the Japanese earthquake, grandparents that are sick, and the little Milwaukee girl who was killed by a school bus. We also thanked God for our many blessings in our lives, Dads, big birthday parties, water parks, Melanie, camping and fishing, s'mores, and Mount Rushmore. The children also discussed how they can be blessings to their families by washing dishes, playing with baby Rose, and pulling the wagon with the baby. It's amazing how these children embody the Holy Spirit and invite God into their lives.

This school year we hope to continue encouraging the children's relationship with God. Every Sunday there will be a prayer circle at the beginning of Sunday School. If you would like to be part of this spiritual experience, there will be a sign-up sheet for parent helpers. St. Mark's follows the Safeguarding God's Children's guidelines which require two adults in the Sunday School rooms. There is a Sunday School bulletin board in the Guild Hall near the Sacristy door for information on upcoming events. This fall and winter we will have a gardening project, the Eastside Senior gift collection, and the Christmas pageant. The two classes this year are kindergarten through second grade and third through sixth grade. I would also like to thank our wonderful teachers for the upcoming year, Jane Shero, Paula Wheeler, Ruth Corrdry, and Meg Edwards.

Mary Ross

Game Night: Let's Play! Saturday, October 15, from 6:30pm



The one and only fall game night is snuggled in between the TOES excitement and holiday celebrations. Join us on Saturday, October 15, from 6:30pm until about 9pm for an evening of fun and games. People of all ages are welcome and friends are encouraged to join in the game playing and fellowship.

A variety of games pop up each game night so there's bound to be at least one that you would like to try. Gamers may bring a game to share and a snack or drink to add to the convivial evening. However, the only game night requirement is just showing up. We hope you will!

The next game night is planned for January 21.

It's CROP Hunger Walk Time

Sunday, October 9th at 1:30 pm

The 26th annual Milwaukee CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 9th at 1:30pm beginning at the McKinley Marina. The CROP walk provides an opportunity for youth groups, confirmation classes, young adults and other parish organizations to walk together to help alleviate hunger locally and globally. The CROP Walk also provides an opportunity to walk with people from other Christian denominations and faith traditions in common witness to God's call for justice. This year, eight of the St. Mark's J2A group, along with their leaders, will participate and are looking for sponsors to contribute to help make a difference in someone's life. Volunteer walkers are also welcome to join us. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office at (414) 962-0500.

The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds for global disaster relief, hunger relief, and development. It also collects food for Hunger Task Force which is distributed to food pantries and meal programs throughout the area for free.

A note from the St. Mark's Music Director

1. Am I mistaken? or is there a bright magnitude of joy flying around in these present days at St. Mark's? At our Sunday service I hear beautiful and unfettered hymn singing and loud proclamation of the Scriptures and the prayers of the people; at coffee hour every Sunday I see and hear kindness and exuberance and excitement; I see newcomers welcomed attentively and with gladness; and at the annual TOES (once again a splendid event for the parish) I saw and heard joy spilling out and over everywhere in the Guild Hall. Lastly, I pray daily for all of us and I feel joy that we are together at this particular time in history, in this place called St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Of all the times and places we could or might have been, we are here together now. Oh, blessed be God! Blessed be his Holy name!
2. It looks like we might have gained three to six new choir members. I'll report a little more definitively when the dust settles. Thanks to those kind and courageous souls who have joined us in these first rehearsals.
3. It also looks like we're moving on signing an additional Artist in Residence or two. More on that later, again when the dust settles. Let me remind you that our Artists in Residence provide a great deal of beauty and excitement in our liturgies and at no financial cost to us. If we paid for these musicians' services, of course, the cost would be substantial, probably somewhere between three and four thousand dollars annually. We are eminently grateful for their contributions to our spiritual life in common.
4. Finally, it's not too late to join the choir. We welcome new members at any time. Simply see one of the choir, or see me, or just show up on Wednesday at 7pm in the choir room.

For the glory of God.

Steve

P.S. Just a thought about our recent fundraiser. It seems to me that one of the great blessings of the annual TOES celebration is that it brings people together in a fellowship of work and activity. This is perhaps even more important for the strengthening and development of the bonds of our Christianity than is the raising of money (although, of course, the raising of money is important). There is an aspect of intimacy in the sharing of work, in praying together, in singing together, in eating together, in having fun together: and of course there is a fundamental intimacy in the relationship of infinite love which God offers unstintingly to his people.

A Summer Reflection



My Time at Camp Webb

By Gabrielle M.

When I first arrived at Camp Webb I was filled with excitement and a small feeling of nervousness. I was looking forward to seeing the friends that I had made in the past years, but I hadn't talked to them in a while, so I was a bit nervous.

After I checked in, and gave my Mom the “okay, I love you but you can go now talk,” I got to meet all of the cool counselors. The counselors were so fun, and funny, and some of them even loved my favorite show *30 Rock*, which was a huge bonus. I went into my room and chose the top bunk at the corner (which would later be bad news for my bunk buddies since I move during my sleep a little too much). Everyone was unpacking and I got to meet the girls that were in my room. Our rooms were very nice with about five bunks and a full bath. After we settled into our rooms we went into the common room to meet everyone. I was so happy when I saw my old friends from camp. On this first day, I really didn't know that this would be one of the best Camp Webb years ever.

I enjoyed every activity. We had the usual Camp Webb traditions such as daily church service and a counselor scavenger hunt, but there were a lot more new activities in store for us this year. A barn was located at the entrance of camp. The camp we stayed at was given all different kinds of animals for three months, and at the end of the three months, the farmers had fully-grown livestock. When we visited the farm the goats followed us everywhere. There were pigs and a cow, but what seemed the most entertaining to us were the birds. As everyone was looking at the bunny, I went to go see the chickens. I began picking up chickens and holding them, and I am now known as “the chicken whisperer” for I held two chickens and had one on my head.

We discussed God as Living Water for all of us, water problems in the world and spirituality through songs and skits, and we also went to the ropes course, which is not as easy as it seems. There was a zip line—but there was a catch. You had to climb up the rock wall to use it. On the day we were scheduled for the ropes course it rained, but by the time we got there it stopped. When it was my turn to climb up the wall it was so slippery I tried about 20 times until they told me I should stop because I was too worn out. After my attempt at the rock climbing wall, I was able to climb up a pole and walk on a single rope, then we got to fall backwards off the rope to come down. It was a lot of fun. We also went on a giant slip-and-slide where my friend and I made mud mustaches—which evolved into beards—which evolved into a giant face of mud. On the last night we had an epic party with glow-in-the-dark paint, fluorescent lights, glow sticks and music. At the end, we all said our goodbyes, shared our cell phone numbers, and headed home. Camp Webb was the best this year!

I want to thank the St Mark's community for making this possible for me.

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Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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