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RECTOR'S CORNER

Friends in Christ,

After a phenomenal Holy Week observance, I am aware that the parish is entering into its summer phase. Some churches get a little sleepy during the summer, and I think this is silly. Summer is a time of energy and excitement at St. Mark's, and I want to fill you in on some of the projects around the parish.

New database: We received a grant from the diocese for updating our technology. We will be migrating all of our personnel information into a cloud-based database that will allow the office to more effectively communicate with members and more easily add new members to the rolls. It will also allow us to electronically send statement information for those who would prefer not to receive paper copies.

Bellevue stained glass project: This summer will see new stained glass protectors on the Bellevue side of the building. The current plexiglass is yellowed and needs to be replaced. Look for a crisp, shiny and attractive exterior coming this summer. We want the exterior of our space to reflect the vitality on the interior.

Tithing garden: One of our garden plots will be used this summer exclusively for the support of the Riverwest Food Pantry. Volunteers from the parish will cultivate fresh vegetables and herbs for distribution to those in our community in need.

Garden Guild: As always, the phenomenal Garden Guild will work (and play!) hard this summer to keep our grounds healthy and vital. Have a green thumb (or just like a fun time)? Contact Jane Shero at janeshero@yahoo.com.

Mass on the Grass: Weather permitting, our Wednesday 6p.m. Eucharist will move to the Green Space. Come for song, fellowship, prayer and some great snacks. It's a great opportunity for travelers or campers to stay connected to St. Mark's even when they're away for the weekend.



We're starting a tithing garden in our Community Garden.



Volunteers Needed

Sign up to serve lunch at The Gathering on May 6. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

RIVERWEST PANTRY WISHLIST

- Deodorant and toothpaste
- Brown, whole grain rice
- Low or no-salt canned or dry beans
- No-added-sugar canned fruits

Reusable bags are welcome!



(Rector's Report, continued)

Vacation Bible School: We'll again partner with Lake Park Lutheran to provide a K–6 Vacation Bible School. Send me an email (ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org) for details or to register. June 19–23, in the mornings!

Church clean up: We went through several closets and rooms last summer to get our space clean and ready for new ministry. We'll continue that project this summer. Look for us to begin reclaiming some of our downstairs space for ministry. Paint, flooring, lighting...you name it, we're on it.

Swale: Some of you may know that water drips into our basement. We can't fix the entire problem in one summer, but we CAN fix part of it by regrading our front lawn and adding a swale. Look for improved groundwater management and a drier downstairs!

This is just a partial list. The Holy Spirit is moving through the parish; what ministries will you join this summer?

Blessings,
Ian+
(Fr. Burch)



VBS with Lake Park Lutheran last summer

DEACON'S CORNER

I want to thank Ian, the staff, and all of you for making this the best Holy Week and Easter ever. I really was touched by the participation from Palm Sunday on to Easter. In my mind it was a remarkable testament to Ian, our Vestry, our staff, our Flower Guild, and all the leaders that made Holy Week just perfect.

I was especially thrilled to see new faces to our parish who saw our offerings and stopped in to worship with us. Every worship service and dinner of Holy Week had someone new. And then to talk with them and hear how wonderful our services were and see the gratitude for having been there meant the world to me. It was hospitality and evangelization at its very best.

I see such hope and joy in our parish, and it takes me proud and thankful to be part of this outstanding community. So thank you again, all of you who were responsible for the Holy Week services and all who attended.

My best for a happy and joyful Easter Season.

~Deacon Michelle

COFFEE HOUR

As Fr. Burch says, we have the best Coffee Hour in town! Because of all the volunteers who come early to make coffee and bring delicious treats, we continue to have record numbers of people staying for Coffee Hour each Sunday. Of course that's also due to the record number of people in church each Sunday. Thank you, Fr. Burch!

I'd like to thank all who have hosted Coffee Hour and give a special thank you to those who have just begun helping co-host and those who step up when they see help is needed. We've had trouble with the Signup Genius website recently, but I think it is now back up and functioning. If you'd like to sign up to help out with that method, go to www.signupgenius.com, sign up or sign in, and pick a time. I think the website will notify me, but just in case, please also fill your name in on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and/or let me know. I will try my best to keep the website up-to-date so signing up on the sheet in the Parish Hall only, is fine too.

Thanks again for all your help.

~Jamie Zingler

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Women's Book Group will be meeting both in May and June. On May 15 we will meet at the home of Jayne Heffron, at 7 p.m., to discuss *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman. He also wrote *A Man Called Ove*.

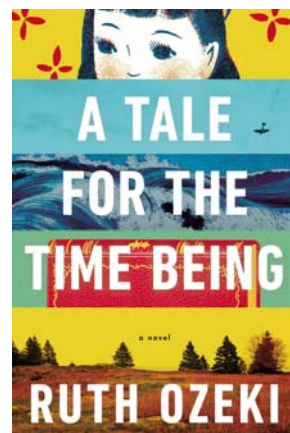
On June 26 at 7 p.m., at the home of Christine Kuramoto we will discuss *Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. This book was short listed for both the Booker and National Book Critics Circle Awards.

Come join us for a lively discussion and fellowship. Books can be purchased at Boswell for a ten percent discount. All women of the church are invited. Guests are also very welcome.

~Ellie Moseley



May book selection



June book selection

CELEBRATIONS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/4 Tom Lacy
5/5 Ellie Mixter-Keller
5/5 Greg Burce
5/9 Aaron Mortara
5/9 Sandra McLellan
5/13 David Kuehl
5/18 Mary Williams
5/18 Paula Wheeler
5/19 Richard Mollenhauer
5/23 Elizabeth Keller
5/24 Robert Kreuziger
5/26 Molly Canary
5/27 Tom McLellan
5/27 Jason Keller

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/3 Marian Byers and Kevin Hanus
5/10 Todd and Nikki Domenget
5/25 Bruce and Elizabeth Jacobs
5/31 Donald Green and Cheryl Johnson



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Alice Nelson
6/4 Susan Rohde
6/5 Bjorn Akerblom
6/5 Catherine Lacy
6/8 Steve Wolff
6/10 Travis Trott
6/11 Chris Berg
6/11 Brooke Frizzell
6/12 Virginia Chappell
6/12 Sara Bitner
6/13 Barb Franczyk
6/22 Greta Holt
6/23 Mary Huntington
6/26 Lauren O'Hear
6/27 Bill Stotts
6/28 Jane Lacy
6/28 Andrew Muriuki
6/29 Todd Domenget
6/29 David Platcow

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/11 Molly and Bob Canary
6/14 Mark and Amy Diliberti
6/15 Richard and Karen Mollenhauer
6/17 Andy and Janet Martin
6/23 Nick and Mary Weckman
6/23 Jane Shero and Michael Weinert
6/24 Tom and Sandra McLellan
6/28 Bill and Mimi Wainwright
6/29 John and Georgia Cain
6/30 Harry and Ellie Moseley

DOWNER CLASSIC BIKE RACES ON JUNE 24

The Downer Classic Bike Races offer an opportunity for our parish to re-introduce ourselves to the neighborhood and people who come to view the racing. For the last few years, we have used the day to convert the green space into a play area for children and parents, provide some musical entertainment, and roast corn on the cob to raise funds for our Outreach Ministry.

I encourage you to be a part of welcoming all to join in the fun by:

- Listening to the wonderful music organized and performed by our music director, Steve Wolff
- Helping with kids activities
- Roasting corn in the front our church
- Selling hot roasted corn
- Bonding with our neighbors
- Enjoying a day full of bike racing, fun and celebrating summer on the East Side



There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for you to indicate how you would like to participate and help out on Saturday, June 24. Come and join in the fun in our community. Thanks as always, for your support of St. Mark's. Please contact Harry Moseley at 976-0736 (cell 333-9682) or at hmoseley39@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

~Harry Moseley

MUSIC CORNER

Let me say few words about one of the pieces of service music, *Helehyan*, which we are singing before and after the Gospel during Eastertide. The word is a Native American word, specifically a Creek or Muscogee word. And, as you might guess, it's a translation of the Latin and Greek translation of the Hebrew word, *Hallelujah* (meaning *Praise to Yaveh*). The Muscogee tune is vigorous and catchy, with snaps on beats two and four, and is fun to sing. We are using it as a single line of melody without harmonic accompaniment. Native American music traditions did not include harmony, but rather involved flutes and drums in accompaniment of their singing. The chant can also be sung in round.

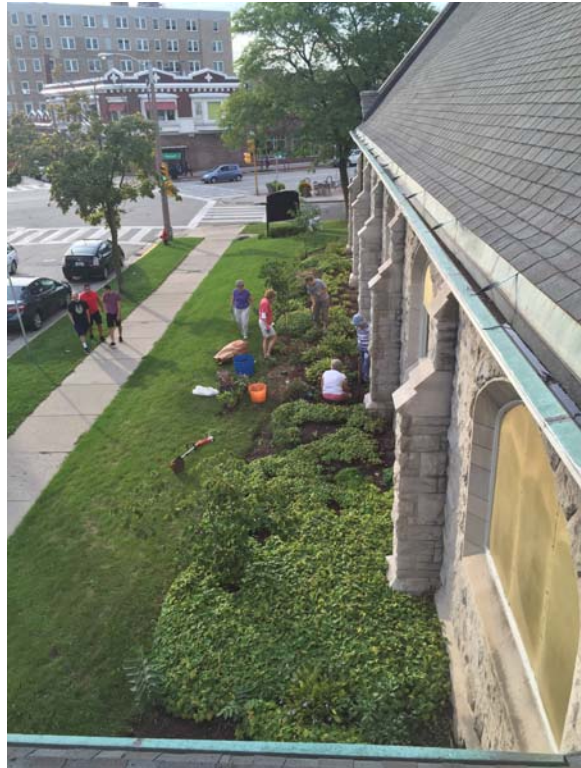
~Steve Wolff

GARDEN GUILD

Happy Spring! And it's time again for gardening at St. Mark's. The Garden Guild will meet weekly starting in mid-May, on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. We will begin the season with a clean-up of the flower beds and planting the containers around the church.

Interested? We would love to have you join us for some weeding, fellowship and a snack! Email me at janeshero@yahoo.com, or just stop by the church gardens on a Tuesday evening.

~Jane Shero



36TH ANNUAL HUNGER BOOK SALE

Do you have books from moving, winter reading, or shelves/piles of books you should cull? Please consider gathering the books you have finished reading and/or those you no longer want to keep, and donate them to a great cause, the Hunger Book Sale at All Saints' Cathedral. The sale raises funds for local, national, and international hunger causes (e.g., The Gathering, St. Ben's Community Meals, St. John's Cathedral Open Door Café, Sojourner Family Peace Center, and Episcopal Relief and Development). From its beginning with an \$800 profit, the Hunger Book Sale now has a \$23,000–\$25,000 annual profit.

Starting Monday, June 19, you may drop off your books, CDs or DVDs (no magazines, ex-library or textbooks over five years old, please) at All Saints' Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave., Monday–Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the back door (there will be a sign) or call the Cathedral at 414-271-7719 for a pickup of a large donation anytime now.

If you would like to help price books this summer, contact Judy Young for details. No experience necessary; training provided. The 2017 Hunger Book Sale will run from August 3 through August 8. The 2017 deadline for donating books is July 24.

~Judy Young



THE GATHERING OF SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

Founded 35 years ago, this agency has provided freshly prepared meals for tens of thousands of homeless and hungry Milwaukeeans who need a hand up. St. Mark's has a long history of involvement and support for The Gathering, and it continues today.

St. Mark's volunteers for two Saturdays each year (this year on May 6 and September 23) when parish members volunteer to coordinate, cook, and serve meals at the South Side site in Milwaukee. In addition, many of our parishioners volunteer to serve on a regular basis, work in the office, and serve on the Gathering Board. The Gathering's Executive Director is one of our parishioners, Ginny Schrag.

New Site for The Gathering's Downtown Meal Site

With the pending sale of the St. James Church building that has long served The Gathering, they began searching for a suitable location for its weekday breakfast and Saturday lunch meals. Earlier this year, The Gathering signed an agreement with the Capuchin Community to serve meals at their site at 924 W. State Street, the current site of the Sunday-Friday St. Ben's Community Meal. The breakfast program started serving there on March 27. It is important to note that The Gathering's meal service perfectly complements the St. Ben's evening meals and caused no disruption for its guests.

Exciting project –Produce Preservation

Late summer in 2010 saw the formation of the [Fresh Produce Preservation Project](#) focusing on preserving excess donated produce received during the growing season for use in winter meals. What a wonderful, tasteful addition to our winter meals!

Need more information? Look at www.thegatheringwis.org or call them at 414-272-4122.

~Harry Moseley



Mission Statement

The Mission of The Gathering is to provide meals and associated services or programs to those who would otherwise go hungry or without. We respect the dignity and values of every individual we serve and value our volunteers who allow us to serve the community.

We act directly and in concert with others to alleviate hunger and to address the root causes and related problems associated with hunger.

Our success will be demonstrated by providing quality services to our guests and remaining a viable volunteer-driven organization.

Vision Statement

We are a community of guests, volunteers and staff united by a common goal: to feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit.

Upcoming Dates

**Sunday School
Teacher Recognition**
May 21

Pentecost
June 4

All Church Picnic
June 4

**Notre Dame Children's
Choir**
June 16

Vacation Bible School
June 19–23

As Fr. Burch wrote in last month's newsletter, *The Lion* will now be published every other month. Stay tuned to the bulletin, the website, Facebook posts, and eblasts for more information about upcoming events.

Please note, the Outreach Committee has decided not to hold the Flower Sale this year. They will concentrate their efforts on the Corn Roast, Pumpkin Sale, and other service activities.

I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES



Presentation by the Haiti Project
Sunday, May 7
Library • 11 a.m.

A presentation from the Haiti Project is an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee that partners with others from all walks of life who share the belief that education, clean water, access to medicine, and compassion are basic human necessities to the people of a small mountain village.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The first quarter ended with revenue slightly better than budget including that from pledges, visitors, events, building use, and special gifts. Operating expenses were well-managed and also better than budget. Consequently, we had a modest surplus for the quarter. Since our 2017 annual budget reflects a small deficit for the year, the 1st quarter surplus is a good start to closing that financial gap.

With strong pre-paid pledge revenue and other gifts and grants, our reserve fund is up significantly from what it was at the end of 2016. These funds are there to cover surprise expenses (and a 150 year old building has lots of surprises!), seasonally lower revenue months, and other unbudgeted parish needs or opportunities.

~Bruce Jacobs

COMMON GROUND AT ST. MARK'S

Common Ground hosted *Building People Power*, its 2017 Delegate's Assembly on April 25. The 735 people attending featured new member delegations, including St. Adalbert's, expanding Common Ground's presence on the south side of Milwaukee.



735 delegates strong!



Discussing the Issues: Janet, Ellie and Marilyn discuss gun safety, housing, and safer streets.



Jennifer O'Hear inviting a delegate to Parent Café to discuss schools and increase engagement.



Alex, Virginia, Janet and Barb after an inspiring assembly!

MANY PEOPLE, ONE VOICE, ONE FORCE FOR CHANGE.

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:30 PM EfM 6:15 PM SWEATnDANCE	2 7:30 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM Yoga 6:30 PM UWM: Contemporary Foods	3 3:30 PM UWM: Healthy Foods 4 PM Bible Study 6 PM Midweek Eucharist 6:30 PM UWM: International Foods 7 PM Choir	4 7:30 AM Yoga 3:30 PM Yoga 8 PM AA	5 Rector's Day Off 8 PM AA	6 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop
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21 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 11 AM Adult Formation 5:30 PM Confirmation	24 12:30 PM EfM 6:15 PM SWEATnDANCE	25 7:30 AM Yoga 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM Yoga	26 4 PM Bible Study 6 PM Midweek Eucharist 7 PM Choir	27 7:30 AM Yoga 3:30 PM Yoga 8 PM AA	28 Rector's Day Off 6 PM Kirkpatrick/ Capre Wedding Rehearsal 8 PM AA	29 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 2:30 PM Kirkpatrick/ Capre Wedding
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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mark's is a growing, welcoming parish on Milwaukee's Eastside. We are a vibrant community of sojourners and seekers. We are young and old, families, singles and couples, gay and straight, from a variety of races and ethnic backgrounds. Together we represent a diverse array of perspectives and life experiences. We believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives and in the world and that we are called, both as individuals and as a community, to share Christ's love with our neighbors. We hope that the community at St. Mark's will help you to grow deeper in your faith and that you will find yourself enlivened by service to God and to God's world.

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee
The Rev. Ian C. Burch, Rector
The Rev. Michelle P. Mooney, Deacon
The Rev. John Hickey, Priest Associate
Stephen Wolff, Director of Music
Virginia Chappell, Senior Warden
Ron Tunis, Junior Warden
Bruce Jacobs, Treasurer
Sara Bitner, Parish Administrator
Bill Davies, Bookkeeper
Jyoti Bratz, Housekeeper
Skrauss, Sexton

Vestry Members
Jackie Adams
Marian Byers
Paula Wheeler
Tom Lacy
Ellie Mixter-Keller
Brooke Frizzell
Cheryl Johnson
Michael O'Hear

Sunday Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Childcare is provided from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Eucharist 6:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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