

# the Spirit

April 18, 2018

Know God | Grow Deeper | Go Serve

## Ten Commandments... of Vacation by Pastor Tim Bayer

Tomorrow, I will jump on an airplane with my family and will not be back in Illinois for over a week. As I've been preparing to travel with my family, I am reminded of these "Ten Commandments of Vacation" from Sam Rainer. May these be a blessing to you when you vacation, too!

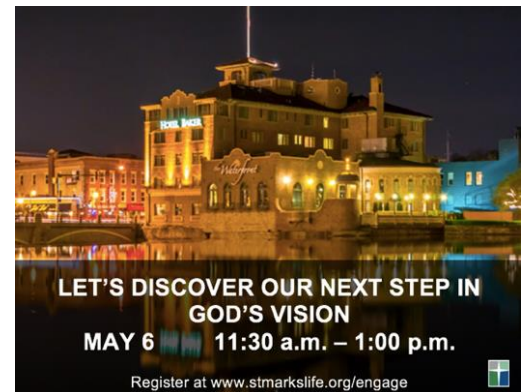
1. *Thou shalt take a vacation.*
2. *Thou shalt get away.*
3. *Thou shalt leave someone else in charge.*
4. *Thou shalt relax.*
5. *Thou shalt enjoy your family.*
6. *Thou shalt have fun.*
7. *Thou shalt go to church.*
8. *Thou shalt have devotion time.*
9. *Thou shalt not feel guilty.*
10. *Thou shalt not return.*

Pastor Karl Fay from Prince of Peace Church in Palatine will be leading services and preaching for me, this weekend. You can contact Adriane Nemeth in the church office for all other pastoral care needs. She will forward on emergencies to the appropriate pastor on-call. See you, next weekend!

## OUR NEXT BIG STEP – MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We will share the dreams that have been placed in the "Dream Box" and submitted online. We will seek connecting themes and commonalities as our Vision Team discerns the gift God has given to us! Please RSVP for this special lunch at [www.stmarkslife.org/engage](http://www.stmarkslife.org/engage). Childcare is provided.

Please pray for discernment as the following Vision Team members begin their task: Mike Buono, Cara Buono, Jeff Garrison, Nancy Garrison, Chad Gilchrist, Sam Hinrichsen, Dick Sonntag, Bob Van Ham, Brandy Vishnesky, Rhonda Wasinger, and Nathan Wendt.



*Every week during this series, we are collecting YOUR change to bring LIFE change! Bring your change and place it in the "mite" basket as you enter the sanctuary. All change will go to change lives through LSEM (Lutheran Special Education Ministries) by providing online resources for special needs children to become more proficient in math and reading.*

# COMMUNITY SUPPER

WE WOULD LOVE TO SERVE YOU ON **APRIL 24, 5-7pm**

Lasagna  
Garlic Bread  
Dinner Salad  
Lemon Squares  
Water, lemonade, and coffee



## Bunco for Blessings Event | April 20<sup>th</sup>



**Don't miss out on the BUNCO for Blessings fun & fellowship! Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at STM's** Tickets are available to purchase in advance with a credit card online at [www.stmarkslife.org/bunco](http://www.stmarkslife.org/bunco). Please be sure to click on the appropriate option and provide each participant's name and e-mail. **Your name on our list is your ticket to get in the door the evening of the event.**

**Tickets are limited** but will be sold at the door if you decide to attend at the last minute. **Couples are welcome! Bring a friend!** Funds raised will benefit **St. Mark's Preschool Scholarships**. Food and refreshments provided! Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle! Spend your Friday night with us and let the good times roll.

Volunteers still needed for this event. FFG students can get Service Time credit for helping set up tables and chairs from 4:00-5:00pm on 4/20. Please contact Krista LaDieu at 630-404-9588 or [krladieu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krladieu@sbcglobal.net) if interested.

## Bible in 90 Days Encouragement

Hope is found in the most surprising places. Here are some promises from our reading this week:

<b>Habakkuk</b>	<i>Even when we cannot trace God's hand of justice or providence, we can patiently trust and rejoice in His character.</i>
<b>Zephaniah</b>	<i>Yahweh is a mighty warrior who brings judgment but saves the remnant who flee to him as their King.</i>
<b>Haggai</b>	<i>Yahweh will renew His presence among His people and re-establish His reign over His people by sending Jesus Christ as His Messianic King.</i>
<b>Zechariah</b>	<i>God's people already participate in the restored Jerusalem through repentance and faith in Jesus as they await the consummation of God's kingdom.</i>
<b>Malachi</b>	<i>God calls his people to repent of our apathy towards his proper worship and fear his name in anticipation of the great and fearful Day of the LORD.</i>

*From [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)*

God bring His promise to you in fresh, real ways, this week! -pt



## Sunday Morning Groups at 9:00 & 10:30 am in the Parlor and Library

Midweek Groups available by contacting Keith Wollenberg at [wollenb@gmail.com](mailto:wollenb@gmail.com)

## Children's Ministry

### St. Mark's Preschool | Classes for 2-5 year olds -- Register Today!



St. Mark's Preschool – upholding DCFS Licensure and Early Learning and Development Standards by providing a caring, Christian learning environment for young children 2-6 years old. Enrollment for 2018-19 school year is open now! Contact director Julie Zimmermann for more information or to schedule a tour.



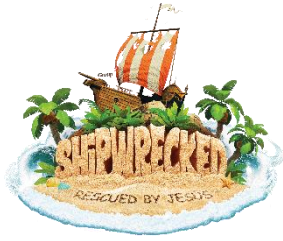
Director: Julie Zimmermann ~ 630-584-4850

E-mail: [preschool@stmarkschurch.church](mailto:preschool@stmarkschurch.church)

\* \$75 tuition credit for any current preschool families who refer a new student.



## VBS at St. Mark's – June 18-22



Every morning, we will venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Our fun-filled, Jesus-centered experiences will anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Register your child at [www.stmarkslife.org/vbs](http://www.stmarkslife.org/vbs).

We need over 60 volunteers to welcome hundreds of kids (we're planning for 250!). Volunteer at [www.stmarkslife.org/vbs](http://www.stmarkslife.org/vbs), or contact Julie Wollenberg at [jawollenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:jawollenberg@yahoo.com) / 630.390.5613.

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## DIG IN



This past Sunday we learned that God hears our prayers. We heard how God listened to Hannah's prayer, and He answered her. God listens to us, too, and we can pray to Him about all kinds of things. We can thank God when we talk to Him. We can also ask God for help with something. And we can say we're sorry to God, too. The children made prayer boxes at the craft center, heard the story "God Hears Hannah's Prayer for a Son," and at the game center, we played "Mother May I" or "Marco Polo" to practice listening to a voice to remind us how God listens to our voice.

THINK ABOUT: What's at the top of your prayer list right now? How do you feel about God hearing your heart's desires? What has His care meant to you?

### Dates to Remember:

Sunday, May 13: Children sing at 9 am service  
No Dig IN at 10:30

Sunday, May 20: Winter Dig In session ends

Sunday, June 3: Summer Session of DIG IN begins (9 am only)

If you are interested in helping with DIG IN, please contact LoAnn [loann5gaudette@gmail.com](mailto:loann5gaudette@gmail.com).

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## Student Ministry

*A community of students sharing life, fun, and faith with each other, with Jesus at our core!*

### IMPORTANT DATES



**Faith Formation Group: Wednesday Afternoon 4:30-5:45 p**

**ILLUMINATE Bible Study: This Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

**Illuminate Youth Night: Sunday Night: Team Building Night 6:30-8:30pm**

### ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS!



You're invited to join Illuminate on our summer mission to EPIC in St. Louis! Join us June 10-15<sup>th</sup> as we serve communities throughout the St. Louis area! Trip cost is \$200 per person and includes all transportation, meals, and lodging. If interested, contact Sean McAdams at [sean.mcadams@stmarkschurch.church](mailto:sean.mcadams@stmarkschurch.church) or 630-584-8638 for more details!

**REGISTRATION FOR EPIC CLOSES SUNDAY MAY 6<sup>th</sup>!**

## ILLUMINATE Bible Study Information

Students are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the High School youth room for Bible Study, this weekend at 10:30 a.m.



### Illuminate Bible Study Schedule:

This Sunday at 10:30 am  
Next week at 9:00am



## Grades 9-12 | High School Community Groups



### Join Us This Sunday Night!

Illuminate High School Community will come together Sunday evening for a night of group building activities, Bible Study, and fellowship! We will meet downstairs at 6:30 for a quick study and then roll into a fun night of games that will help grow us all closer to one another in community! Looking forward to seeing you all there! Remember, Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are now welcome at Illuminate gatherings!

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## Grades 6-8 | Faith Formation Group | Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.



Community Groups are transformational for everyone! This student-focused collection of community groups invites junior high students to know God, grow deeper, and go serve.

*Using the scriptures as our foundation, we wrestle with the Baptism, Communion, Confession, Prayer, the Christian expression of faith (creeds), and the Ten Commandments. Our goal is to form relevant faith, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, through a short time of worship, pastor-led teaching, life-shaping testimony sharing, and peer-to-peer application with high school leaders and significant adult mentors.*



### FFG Week of Hope Mission Trip Update

Due to a lack of registrations, we regret to inform that this year's Middle School week of Hope will be canceled for the summer. We will be looking to reschedule this short mission experience during next year's Faith Formation Community Season.

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## STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM

### Student Ministries Director

Sean McAdams

### Student Fieldworkers

Harry Grimes & Sam Wille

### Student Leaders

Mary Connelly, Megan Markovich & Ryan Krueger

### Illuminate Leaders:

Matt Markovich, Jacob Veyette & Grace Telfer

### Faith Formation Leaders

Lisa Blethroade, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls  
Harry Grimes, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Guys  
Sam Wille, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor  
Cara Buono, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls  
John Matzke, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Guys

Harry Grimes, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor  
Ryan Blethroade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guys  
Leslie Hoffman, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls  
Sean McAdams, 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Mentor

# "MISSIONS ON THE MOVE"

## Mark your calendars ...

**April 21 -22:** World Relief Missions – quilt tying in the fellowship hall

**April 24:** Missions Community Group Meeting - 6:30 pm (location TBD)

**May 07 – 31:** "Read a Bible – Share a Bible" Campaign

**July 14:** Middle Eastern Dinner – served by Salam Fellowship Church

**August 1 – September 10:** School Supply Drive – Liberian Children's Mission

## LOOKING FOR SERVANTS OF GOD!

### +Chairperson for Salam Christian Fellowship / CLMMA

\*\*As the Lead for this Mission, you will be rewarded with sharing the love of Jesus with the Middle Eastern Cultures served by this ministry as well as working with your Brothers & Sisters of St. Mark's.

### +Chairperson for Iglesias San Pablo

\*\*As the Lead for this Mission, you will be rewarded with sharing the love of Jesus with the Hispanic Culture in the Fox Valley Community who are served by this Ministry as well as working with your Brothers & Sisters of St. Mark's.

If you are interested, please contact Claire Giovenco at [clairebasket@comcast.net](mailto:clairebasket@comcast.net).



## MOVING FROM **LEARNING ABOUT** **TO PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION**

Community Groups are the place to find belonging and serve in significant ways.  
*Contact a group leader to learn more about or to join a group.*

### **Bauer Community Group**

Contact Bob and Joan Bauer at [rbauer@ameritech.net](mailto:rbauer@ameritech.net) or 630.232.0423

### **Gaudette Community Group | Third Sundays @ 4:00 p.m.**

Contact Ernie and LoAnn Gaudette at [loann5gaudette@gmail.com](mailto:loann5gaudette@gmail.com) or 847.695.0310

### **Hemmann Community Group | Once a month, on Friday at 7 pm**

Contact Gene and Sylvia Hemmann at [EEHemmann@aol.com](mailto:EEHemmann@aol.com) or 630.584.3359

### **Wollenberg Community Group**

Contact Keith and Julie Wollenberg at [wollenb@gmail.com](mailto:wollenb@gmail.com) or 630.390.5612

### **Quilting Community Group | First Mondays @ 12:30 p.m.**

Contact Margaret Studer at [mrstuder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrstuder@sbcglobal.net) or 630.207.4549

Upcoming meeting dates: May 7, June 4

### **Bible and Beyond Community Group**

Contact Linda Schroeder at [schroede-l@sbcglobal.net](mailto:schroede-l@sbcglobal.net) or 630.879.5066

### **Young Families Community Group – Coming Mid-Spring 2018**

To stay "in the loop", contact Sean McAdams at [sean.mcadams@stmarkschurch.church](mailto:sean.mcadams@stmarkschurch.church) or 630.584.8638

St. Marks Family,

I have good news to share with you! I have been working diligently on obtaining estimates for replacing and repairing our roofs due to hail damage which occurred during a storm on July 23, of last year. Our insurance provider, Church Mutual, and several roofing companies inspected our roofs and an insurance claim was submitted for review. I am happy to share that our claims were approved and we have received our first check from Church Mutual.

The first claim which covers the sanctuary roof and the smaller steeple areas on the west side, was approved for approximately \$37,000. Applaudable Roofing, a local contractor, will be conducting the work in the next few weeks as weather permits.

The second claim was submitted for the fellowship hall roof repairs, which include repairing any stains, warped wood, and painting of the interior. This claim is approximately \$5,000. Applaudable Roofing will also be in charge of these repairs.

There are two Applaudable Roofing signs on our property and the company will give us \$200 for placement of their signage. In addition, Applaudable will give St. Marks \$100 for each referral they receive from business off the signs or actual work done for a congregation member. So, if you are in need of any roof repairs or estimates, please consider contacting Bob Cooke, Applaudable Roofing at 224.250.5563.

The safety of our pre-school children and the St. Marks family is very important, so we will schedule with Applaudable to make sure they are working safely, and that areas are secured when they are on the job. I will keep you updated on these projects as we progress. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Blessings,  
John Toniolo  
630.667.9684 or [john.toniolo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john.toniolo@sbcglobal.net)

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## Zeal Women's Conference | May 5th

*Zeal: running hard after the cause of Christ*

Come join women of all ages and backgrounds as we gather under one roof to be empowered, recharged, and find freedom in our everyday lives!

You won't want to miss this amazing event:

Worship led by The Well's worship pastor, Shari McCord  
Teaching from author and speaker, Jen Baker.

For more information on Jen please visit <https://www.jenbaker.co.uk>

**Saturday, May 5th, 2018**  
**The Well Church | 33W835 Cherry Lane | Geneva**  
**Tickets: \$30**  
**Check in: 8:30am**  
**Event: 9:00-12:30**  
***Breakfast and snacks provided***

**Please register by April 22 and invite your friends!**  
More information at [cometothewell.org/zeal2018](http://cometothewell.org/zeal2018)



# Worship Assistants This Weekend

Kathy Kueker, Altar Guild

## Saturday, April 21 –5:30 p.m.

Todd Peters & Rick Willing, Elders  
Jenna Micko-Vogt, Lector  
Elena Sikorski, Acolyte  
Rick Willing, Usher  
Greg Treichler, Multimedia

## Sunday, April 22—9:00 a.m.

Mike Albers, Elder  
Anna Garrison, Lector  
Samuel Vishnesky, Acolyte  
Bob Dilks & Ron Smith, Ushers  
Jim Neidlinger, Multimedia

## Sunday, April 22 —10:30 a.m.

Kevin Mende & John Matzke, Elders  
Caden Einwich, Acolyte  
John Matzke & Dennis Wendt, Ushers  
Darryl Engel, Multimedia

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## Contributions & Attendance – April 14 & 15

Saturday: 5:30pm – 56

Sunday: 9:00am – 95    10:30am – 93

Children's Ministry – 9:00am – 25    10:30am – 28

Total Weekly Attendance: 297

General Fund: \$ 8,298.00

Specials: \$ 399.00

Grand Total: \$ 8,697.00

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*Please inform the office of upcoming care needs.*

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Prayer Chain: bonne@aol.com or 630-337-0651



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## This Week at St. Mark's

### **THURSDAY – APRIL 19**

9:00 a.m. Bible & Beyond: Women of the Bible  
10:30 a.m. Golnick Bible in 90 Days Group  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Wollenberg Community Group (Women)

### **FRIDAY – APRIL 20**

6:30 p.m. Bunco for Blessings

### **SATURDAY – APRIL 21**

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

### **SUNDAY – APRIL 22**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Dig In  
9:00 a.m. Bible in 90 Days Groups  
10:00 a.m. Pastor Baerwald's Luke Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:30 a.m. Illuminate Bible Group

10:30 a.m. Bible in 90 Days Groups  
6:30 p.m. Illuminate Community

### **MONDAY – APRIL 23**

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:45 p.m. Bible and Beyond  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### **WEDNESDAY – APRIL 25**

4:30 p.m. Faith Formation Groups  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

***New Procedure:*** If you are onsite while preschool is in session, please check into the office and pick up a visitor's lanyard. Thank you for helping make St. Mark's a safe place for students and their families.