



# The Grapevine

September 2011

*I am the vine, you are the branches. – John 15:5*

## **PASTOR RON HOYUM, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP, EXPLAINS THE ELCA CALL PROCESS**

James Reddick asked that I share with you some helpful information about the Call Process. Here are some frequently asked questions and answers. I look forward to meeting with your Call Committee this fall as they begin their work.

### **1. What documents govern the Call Process?**

Two documents can be found on the ELCA website ([www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)) – the Ministry Site Profile and the Rostered Leader Profile. The first is filled out by your Transition Team and describes the congregation and its leadership needs. The second is the “resume” of the pastor that describes the gifts and skills of the pastor as well as their vision and style of pastoral ministry.

Two other documents can be found on the synod website ([www.lutheranssw.org](http://www.lutheranssw.org), then click on ‘Resources and Links’): the Call Manual and the Clergy Compensation Guidelines. The manual is not a rule book to be slavishly followed but a handbook to guide you through an effective call process. It includes both forms and advice for Call Committees.

### **2. What are the responsibilities of a Call Committee?**

The Call Committee interviews pastoral candidates on behalf of the congregation. Their work is confidential until the committee is ready to recommend a name to the congregation. Confidentiality is a courtesy to those pastors who are being interviewed. It also gives the Call Committee the needed freedom and flexibility to do their work.

### **3. Where does the synod office get candidates for the Call Committee?**

The first place is through the congregational nomination process. The Call Committee will give congregation members an opportunity to nominate pastors that they believe would be good candidates for their church.

The second place we look is to the pastors in our own synod who are open for call. We have many fine pastors who serve faithfully and well. When they are ready to move we help them find a new call.

Finally, we consult with our colleagues in the synod offices closest to us – in Region I. We also look at pastors from around the country who have expressed an interest in serving in the Southwestern Washington Synod using an ELCA database.

### **4. How does the synod office select names for the Call Committee?**

First of all, we compare your Ministry Site Profile with the Rostered Leader Profiles of the pastoral candidates. We are looking to see how your leadership needs match up with their leadership skills and vice versa.

We also talk with the Bishop in the synod where the pastor is currently rostered. We ask them for their assessment of the particular pastor’s gifts and strengths for ministry.

Normally, a Call Committee will receive between three and five names of pastors to evaluate and interview.

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## 5. How long with the Call Process take?

I normally tell Call Committees (and congregations) that the process will normally take about six months – from the time when the Transition Team writes the Ministry Site Profile and the Call Committee receives names to interview to the time when the new pastor begins his or her new call.

I have had the privilege of working with the congregations in our synod for the past 10 years in the call process. It is an exciting time in the life of the congregation and I am always amazed and gratified to see how God's hand is at work leading and guiding the process.

May God bless St. Mark as it anticipates welcoming a new pastor!

– Pastor Ron Hoyum  
Assistant to the Bishop, SW WA Synod

## A MUSICIAN'S MUSINGS

Here at St. Mark, music is a core piece to our worship and fellowship together. Music is the way we can together proclaim with joy the gifts given to us, with sorrow the laments we share, and firmly the songs of hope for this world. Often times this music is part of our congregational singing, but we also have many different groups that use music to glorify God, lead the congregational song, and edify the believer. Any interested are invited to participate in our numerous music groups. For more information, call me at the church (491-2052) or email me at [kerstinshaffer@hotmail.com](mailto:kerstinshaffer@hotmail.com).

### REHEARSALS FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

**Chancel Choir (begins September 7)** – Our adult mixed choir (high schoolers – adult) meets throughout the school year on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 7:15-8:30 p.m. We sing regularly on Sundays as well as offer special music events in Advent and during Holy Week.

**PraisRing (begins September 7)** – This instrumental group for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade through adult meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We participate in worship on the fourth Sunday of each month during the school year and for special events. It is very important that you are able to read music. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact me through the office or email me at [kerstinshaffer@hotmail.com](mailto:kerstinshaffer@hotmail.com).

**Holy Commotion! (begins September 21)** – Our children's choir (children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) meets for rehearsal on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-4:30 p.m. throughout the school year and participates at least once a month in worship in each service. We also play or sing occasionally with the adult groups in special events and worship services.

**Youth Chorus (begins September 21)** – For 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders – This group meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:15. We sing for worship about once a month at each service, sing with the Chancel Choir, and share our instrumental talents as well.

**Solos and Small Ensembles (on-going)** – There are many in our congregation who may or may not participate in musical groups here at St. Mark but are interested in sharing their gifts through solos and small ensembles. From time to time I will specifically seek people out, but if you are personally interested in sharing your musical gifts with the congregation in this manner, please contact me on an on-going basis.

Keep singing. Blessings abound.

– Kerstin, Minister of Music

# COUNCIL NEWS

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>			<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income Less Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income Less Expenses</u>
May	\$30,162	\$29,287	\$ 875	\$145,983	\$147,296	(\$1,313)
June	\$26,265	\$27,596	(\$1,331)	\$172,248	\$174,892	(\$2,644)
July	\$32,571	\$30,576	\$ 1,995	\$204,819	\$205,468	( \$649)

## STAFF AND SUNDAYS

Please respect that Sunday is a day of rest for our wonderful parish secretary Pam. When you see her in church she is likely attending for the same reasons you are – to worship and praise God, receive Holy Communion, and recommit to her relationship with Jesus Christ. Unless your concern is URGENT, please email Pam at [office@stmarklacey.org](mailto:office@stmarklacey.org) or leave a note in the box attached to her office door; she will give your matter her undivided attention on the next business day. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Linda or a council member.

–Kate, Council President

# ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## PASTOR'S SUNDAY CLASS

### **Great Expectations – What are pastors and congregations looking for in the Call Process?**

In the July issue of *The Lutheran* magazine, there was a wonderful study looking at these very issues. Over the next three weeks we will discuss some of the spoken and unspoken expectations that each of the parties may hold.

- September 11 – Part One “What Does a Pastor Do, Anyway?”
- September 18 – Part Two “Images and Roles”
- September 25 – Part Three “How to Care for Your Pastor”

## SUNDAY WOMEN'S STUDY

**September 11** – Join Betty and other St. Mark ladies in the lounge during the education hour to read and discuss *Heaven Is For Real* by Todd Burpo. This is the story of Pastor Burpo's four-year-old son Colton's incredible trip to heaven and back while undergoing emergency surgery. It is not necessary to purchase the book to participate – there are always plenty to share.

In our busy lives it is easy to overlook nurturing our soul. Give yourself the gifts of fellowship, prayer, discussion, and learning. If you have questions regarding this study group, contact Betty.

## **THURSDAY MORNING STUDY (Starting September 8)**

*The Meaning of Jesus – Two Visions* by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright

“In *The Meaning of Jesus* two leading Jesus scholars with widely divergent views go right to the heart of these questions and others, presenting the opposing visions of Jesus that shape our faith today. In alternating chapters, Marcus Borg, the most popular revisionist voice on Jesus and a member of the Jesus Seminar, and N.T. Wright, the most prominent standard-bearer for the traditional stance and an outspoken critic of the Jesus Seminar, present their views of who Jesus was, what he taught, and what he did. Candid, spirited, and thoughtfully debated; this compelling discourse will stimulate fresh ideas and intense dialogue among anyone concerned with what it means to be a Christian today.”

Come join the discussion of this challenging book, Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning on **September 8**. Please purchase the book in advance through your local bookstore.

## **LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE**

Join us **September 20** at 6:00 p.m. for a brown bag dinner as we work to implement a new format for team and committee work. Once a quarter, we are asking that a representative (or the whole team if you want) from every committee, team, or group be present along with the council for dinner followed by small group and larger group planning. In gathering together on one evening, we can optimize planning and cross-fertilization of ideas and then send any action items directly to the council that same evening. Please come with your ideas and plans.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The fall Confirmation program kicks off on Wednesday, **October 5** (6:30-7:30 p.m.). If you were not able to attend the August parent/student meeting and want to be part of the program, please contact Pastor Linda.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Starting on **October 9**, Pastor Linda will be offering a four-week new member class for anyone interested in a refresher course on what it means to be a Lutheran and/or interested in becoming a member of St. Mark Lutheran. Classes will be on Sunday mornings during the education hour. New members will be received on Reformation Sunday, **October 30**.

# **AROUND ST. MARK**

## **FALL WORSHIP HOURS**

Summer comes to an end much too quickly! Starting Rally Sunday, **September 11**, we are back to two services: **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** with communion being served at each service. Check out the various educational opportunities being offered to children and adults. And don't forget – coffee is served between services.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

A new Sunday School year is here and we are excited to introduce our new curriculum from Spark. As explained in last month's *Grapevine*, the Spark Rotation curriculum provides eight workshop rotation options for each Bible story, and kids will spend multiple weeks on a Bible story visiting a different workshop each week in order to experience that same story from different perspectives. Workshop rotations include Art, Bible Skills and Games, Computer Lab, Cooking, Creative Drama, Music, Science, and Video.

While we are blessed by adults volunteering to be Shepherds and helpers, we are still short the number needed to make this program a success. Please contact Sunday School Coordinators Angie or Carrie if you can contribute to this exciting time of growing in faith together.

## **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

Once summer finally got here, it just seemed to fly by. After mowing the yard a few times I started seeing "Back to School" advertisements. As a grandma, I like to buy something new for each of our grandchildren, so I'd better get going and make those shopping trip plans with the kids. Time seems to fly by and it is easy to "forget" to do everything in our busy schedules.

As a new member of the Endowment Committee, I'd like to invite each of you to give to a lasting stewardship within our church family. Our endowment is distributed at no less than 4% and not more than 6% per calendar year. Therefore, it remains perpetually funded and is used to support locally, internationally, and within the church. With all the projects and things to remember, please put the Endowment Fund on your "list to do." It can be done as a one-time special gift or as a distribution of your estate.

– Verna

## **QUARTER CIRCLE**

The next Quarter Circle potluck and book discussion is at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, **November 8** at Carrie's home. This quarter's read is *A Stolen Life: A Memoir* by Jaycee Dugard. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share.

## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

The Women of the ELCA invite you to attend "Today's Dream: Tomorrow's Reality", an anti-racism workshop to be held on **October 8** at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia. The workshop hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; lunch will be served (cost is \$10). Check out September's edition of the *Swatch* for details regarding this workshop and the many activities your WELCA (Women of the ELCA) is involved in.

By the way, *Lutheran Women Today* magazine has changed its name to *Gather*; more info is available at [www.lutheranwomentoday.org](http://www.lutheranwomentoday.org). You can also find information about Cluster events online at [www.lutheranssw.org](http://www.lutheranssw.org). Questions? Contact your SW WA SWO Synod Board Member, Dorothy R.

## **PASSIONATE PEOPLE**

Greetings! My name is Linda. My husband and I were born and raised in Rochester, WA and spent our careers in education in Washougal, Belfair, Mossyrock, Toledo, and Sequim, WA. After raising three children and completing our years in the education field, we decided to retire here in Lacey. We then began looking to join a Lutheran church and attended St. Mark. We looked no further, and we have been members here since 2002.

As a newcomer to St. Mark, I was very happy when Barbara asked me to join the Welcome Committee. I accepted this invitation because I believe the initial impression a visitor gets when he/she comes through our door is crucial. In addition, it is fun to greet visitors, to welcome them to our worship services, and to hopefully interest them in joining our congregation. The work that has been done by this group has promoted the need to show sincere interest in those who attend and visit St. Mark. In short, I enjoy being a part of this work!

Ken and I have also attended several of the "Feed 'n Weed" Wednesday work nights this summer. St. Mark can be proud of its contribution of garden products to the Food Bank; kudos to all who have worked so hard on this project.

Ken and I look forward to greeting our new pastor and to spending many more happy years at St. Mark!

– Linda A.

## **SEPTEMBER POSTABLE**

Jesus told a teacher of religious law that the most important commandment is to love God with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength; and, equally important, the second is to love our neighbor as ourself (see Mark 12:28-31).

The first verse of a lovely old hymn states it this way:

*"Take time to be holy, Speak oft with the Lord;  
Abide in Him always And feed on His Word.  
Make friends with God's children, Help those who are weak;  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek."*

(William D. Longstaff, 1882, from *Celebration Hymnal, Word, 1997, #656*)

With thanks to my friend, Alice, for the reminder.

– Elizabeth Ann

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **SEPTEMBER 4 – LOAVES AND FISHES SUNDAY**

What may seem like small change to us makes a big difference! Last month by simply giving the change in our wallets we contributed \$255 to ELCA World Hunger; this amount purchased a fish FARM! What can we do this month? Bring your spare change, and let's see.



## **SEPTEMBER 4 – FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

A basket is located in the Narthex to collect your gifts of non-perishable food, pet food, and disposable diapers. *Monetary gifts multiply efficiency.* The Food Bank has sources that provide larger quantities at low cost. Make your check out to St. Mark, designating “**Food Bank**” in the memo, and place it in the offering or Narthex drop box.

## **SEPTEMBER 20 – SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

The newly-formed “Senior Fellowship Group” will be meeting on the **third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.** The next meeting will be on **September 20** in the lounge with coffee/tea and dessert served. Marilyn has agreed to give us a presentation on the Stephen Ministry.

If you are a retiree and new to St. Mark, or if you have been a long-time member, come join us for fun, fellowship, and good conversation. If anyone is in need of a ride, we will see that it is provided.

– Audrey

## **SEPTEMBER 25 – SENIOR RECITAL AND POTLUCK**

Join us at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for an afternoon of entertainment by St. Mark Seniors. Following the program will be a potluck meal in the parish hall. If this performance is anything like the Spring Recital – you’re in for a TREAT!

## ***FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE***

Reminder ... please clean out your group’s mailbox in the office often (at least monthly).

**October 30** is still available to sign up for altar flowers.

Every effort has been made to create an effective worship assistant calendar through November; that said there are sure to be errors and scheduling conflicts – lots going on. Please prayerfully consider a “standing date” each month to assist with worship.

## ***AROUND OUR COMMUNITY***

### **OCTOBER 22 – WALK THRU THE BIBLE**

Plan now to join The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church as they present “Walk Thru the Bible” on Saturday, **October 22** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Gloria Dei, Olympia. Professor Lowell Stime of Trinity College will lead the experience along with Carol Johnson of Kent Lutheran.

This promises to be a fun day of learning about the Old Testament through song, cartoons, and movement. First graders through adults will find their memory will be enhanced, their faith will grow. Families are welcome at the special price of \$35; otherwise the charge is only \$15 per person (price includes workbook, snacks, and lunch).

## **AROUND OUR WORLD**

### **ELCA CONTINUES RESPONSE TO HORN OF AFRICA DROUGHT RELIEF**

From the Southwestern Washington Synod office: "The situation in the Horn of Africa is continuing to worsen with now over 12.4 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Djibouti being affected. Crops are wilting, livestock are dying, and people are suffering as water becomes scarce and food prices skyrocket. Many have decided to leave their homes in search of water and food, in Somalia alone nearly 1.9 million people have left home (25 percent of the population).

The ELCA has been there from the beginning, working through the Lutheran World Federation as they oversee refugee camps in Kenya (Dadaab) and Ethiopia (Dollo Ado). We have also been accompanying our companions, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) and the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC). To date, the ELCA has committed \$1.25 million to provide water, food, shelter, and training. As the situation continues to develop we will continue to be present, working through and with companions, continuing God's work with our hands."

To learn more please go to:

ELCA Disaster Webpage:

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster-Response.aspx>

ELCA Disaster Blog:

<http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/>

Donate Now:

<https://community.elca.org//sslpage.aspx?pid=656>

**NOTE:** Gifts designated to "Horn of Africa Drought" will be used in full (100%) to help disaster survivors with immediate and long-term needs. You can give through St. Mark or send your check directly to:

ELCA Disaster Response  
39330 Treasury Center  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

*Write "Horn of Africa Drought" or "Where Needed Most" on your check's memo line.*



### **SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>Week of September 4:</b>	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
<b>Week of September 11:</b>	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Week of September 18:</b>	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16
<b>Week of September 25:</b>	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE (SEPT, OCT & NOV)

*Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things;  
I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!*

– Matthew 25:21

God gives us talents for a reason: to equip us for service.

This schedule and a list of worship assistants are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway (the schedule is on the website as well). If unable to assist on the date scheduled, please contact someone to cover for you. Do you prefer to choose the date you assist with worship? Feel free to sign up on the sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board, through the website, or contact the office at [office@stmarklacey.org](mailto:office@stmarklacey.org). Thank you for your contribution to the worship service!

### SEPTEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 4		
<i>Ushers</i>	Brent & Cathy's Family	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Zach	
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen G., Pam B., Kem & Kay	
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Elizabeth Anne	
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Darrel & Dave	
<i>Flowers</i>	Larry & Jenny's Family	
SEPTEMBER 11	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Ushers</i>	Sharon J.	Laurel
	Laura S.	Pat S.
<i>Acolyte</i>	Austin	Lani
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Gail & Dakota	James & Sharon
	Jenny & Jim S.	Jo & Dave
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Diane M.	Kelsey
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Joyce	
<i>Flowers</i>	Dan & Joyce's Family	
SEPTEMBER 18	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Usher</i>	David V.	Pam C.
	Dave S.	Frank
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kayleigh	Dakota
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Pam C. & Margit	Nancy & Bob B.
	Darrel & Dave	Trudy & Marvin
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Hannah	Pam B.
<i>Coffee Host</i>	James R.	
<i>Flowers</i>	Larry & Nancy's Family	
SEPTEMBER 25	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Usher</i>	Len	Thierry
	Liz	Pam B.
<i>Acolyte</i>	Drew	Dakota
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Audrey & Claudia	Sharon J. & Ken A.
	Carol & Mary Ellin	Laura S. & Elizabeth Anne
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Kayleigh	Connie
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Earla	
<i>Flowers</i>	Kem & Kay	

## OCTOBER:

<b>OCTOBER 2</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Ushers</i>	Margit	Josh
	Bob B.	Lenore
<i>Acolyte</i>	Austin	Lani
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Ken A. & Trudy	Liz & Kelsey
	Pam B. & Dakota	James & Sharron
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Laurel	Dave E.
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Ruth	
<i>Flowers</i>	Ron & Judy's Family	
<b>OCTOBER 9</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave S.	Joyce N.
	Darrel	Thierry
<i>Acolyte</i>	Drew	Dakota
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Bob & Ruth	Pam B. & Bergel
	Laura & Jim S.	Jo & Vicki
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Earla	Marilyn
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Frank	
<i>Flowers</i>	Susan	
<b>OCTOBER 16</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Usher</i>	Dick	Gail
	Trudy	Bergel
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kayleigh	Lani
<i>Communion Servers</i>	David V. & Earla	Kem & Kay
	Carol & Jenny	Connie & Elizabeth Anne
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Brent	Dave S.
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Thierry	
<i>Flowers</i>	Bonnie & Rosie	
<b>OCTOBER 23</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Usher</i>	Jo	James R.
	Vicki	Carol
<i>Acolyte</i>	Dakota	Austin
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Margit & Gail	Karen G. & Pam C.
	Sharon J. & Marvin	Frank & Verna
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Bergel	Jan S.
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Laura	
<i>Flowers</i>	Dave & Hannah	
<b>OCTOBER 30</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Usher</i>	Frank	Pam B.
	Verna	Thierry
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kayleigh	Dakota
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Audrey & Claudia	Dave & Darrel
	Joyce N. & Mary Ellin	Nancy & Marvin
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Kem	Karen G.
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Dave E.	
<i>Flowers</i>		

**NOVEMBER:**

<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Ushers</i>	Brent	Len
	Cathy	Liz
<i>Acolyte</i>	Zach	Lani
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Dakota & Nancy	Dave & Bergel
	Bob B. & Earla	Jo & Pam B.
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jenny	Marvin
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Thierry	
<i>Flowers</i>	Karen B.	
<b>NOVEMBER 13</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Ushers</i>	David V.	Pat S.
	Pam C.	Dave S.
<i>Acolyte</i>	Drew	Kayleigh
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen G. & Carol P.	Frank & Verna
	David V. & Pam B.	Kem & Kay
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Margit	Gail
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Jo	
<i>Flowers</i>	Ken L.	
<b>NOVEMBER 20</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Usher</i>	Laurel	Josh
	Bergel	Lenore
<i>Acolyte</i>	Austin	Lani
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Marvin & Joyce N.	Margit & Jim S.
	Dave & Darrel	Mary Ellin & Gail
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Sharon J.	Frank
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Pam C.	
<i>Flowers</i>	Dorothy R.	
<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<i>Usher</i>	Laura S.	Thierry
	Ken A.	Pam B.
<i>Acolyte</i>		Dakota
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Audrey & Claudia	Kelsey & Vicki
	Bob & Ruth	James & Sharon
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Connie	Jo
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Carol P.	
<i>Flowers</i>	Earla	

	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<b><i>Bulletin Folders</i></b>	Laura & Marie	Joyce W.	Jan C.	Joyce B. & Kathleen
<b><i>Communion Bread Bakers</i></b>	Carol	Laura & Sandi	Sandi	Joyce B.
<b><i>Grapevine Folders</i></b>	Karen G. & Team	Karen G. & Team	Karen G. & Team	Karen G. & Team

*Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts ...*



### OURSELVES

- ✝ Thank you to everyone who worked to so hard to make our beach picnic a huge success! We were blessed with ideal weather, wonderful fellowship, and perfect food (by the way, Maria's recipe is available in the office).
- ✝ For teachers, mentors, aides, and all people who work in the education field.
- ✝ Various groups around St. Mark committed to living our mission: "Live in God's word. Live with God's people. Live out God's love. Live through God's grace."

### OUR TIME

- ✝ For all who work to support the Thurston County Food Bank – through the community garden that many hands have worked in, and monetary donations of \$365 for June.
- ✝ We are blessed by the hands of many who work quietly to make St. Mark a welcoming and loving place to worship.

### OUR POSSESSIONS

- ✝ " ... We heard recently about the first 27 village health workers to be trained in first aid in El Salvador. The church's plan is to reach much of the country through such community volunteers in the next five years. ... Thank you for your gift of \$99 which will support all projects and activities necessary to carry on this ministry. ... There are so many places where we serve that face regular challenges nearly unimaginable to us: drought, floods, famine, civil wars and death from otherwise easily treatable disease. All this would overwhelm the strongest of us with hopelessness if nothing was done to change it; until the seed of hope that you are not forgotten was planted, and the seed of healing began to grow and show its fruits in resilient life. That is what your gift makes possible. Thank you and God bless you for it!"

In Christ's Service,  
Rev. Timon C. Iverson, Executive Director  
Global Health Ministries

- ✝ For the \$25,601 St. Mark gifted to 2010 Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

*Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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**SUMMER Sunday Worship** (May-Sept):  
ONE worship service at 10:00 - NO Sunday School  
**STARTING SEPTEMBER 11, 2011:**  
8:30 a.m. – Worship  
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. – Adult Education  
11:00 a.m. – Worship

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