

October 7, 2009



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Congregational Meeting to be held on October 18th in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service.

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
October 18, 2009**

Moderator: Jim Burger

- Call to Order: Judith Bugh
- Opening Prayer: Pastor Silber
- Minutes from Previous Meeting: David Jeziorski
- Treasurer's Report: Susan Meyer
- Old Business: E-Giving: Bob Ford
- New Business:
 - Disaster Preparedness Training: Martha Baerwald
 - District Staff Meeting by Jeff Studer
 - Youth: Sean McAdams
- Next Meeting: Jan 24 2010
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment



Church Council Elections are Before and After All Four Services on October 17 & 18

As we've done in the past few years, in anticipation of the upcoming Council election, we have asked the candidates some questions and are printing their answers, so you can get to know each of them better. There are five positions up for election: Director of Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Evangelism and Director of Elders. On the following pages are the candidates' answers to the following questions (their replies are numbered to indicate the question).

1. You have agreed to run for the position of [*James Golnick: Director of Trustees; Susan Meyer: Treasurer; Krista Gronow, Fred Olesuk, Dave Jeziorski, Pattie Macklin: Secretary; Kevin Brolsma: Director of Evangelism; Harry Stout, Max Whitlock: Director of Elders*] on St. Mark's Church Council. What prompts your willingness to take on the position to which you've been nominated for the next two years?
2. How do you view the position for which you are running? Why do you feel this is a good fit for your interests, abilities and experience?
3. What is your prior church or civic leadership experience, either here or elsewhere?
4. What do you see as the major opportunities at St. Mark's in the coming two years, and how would you see your role on the Council helping to fulfill these opportunities?
5. Please tell us a little about yourself personally – what you do/did for a living; your family; how long you've been a member at St. Mark's; any hobbies and interests.

James Golnick, Director of Trustees

1. I had to ask myself "if the Lord needs me for something who am I to say I cannot because...."
2. Since this position oversees the physical properties of the church, it influences all the ministries therein which is humbling and exciting at the same time.
 - a. I believe the fit is a good one as the Lord has given me the opportunity to serve St. Marks as a repairman for the past six years.
 - b. God has always kept me close to operation and maintenance management from growing up on a Minnesota dairy farm to aircraft and weapons maintenance in the U.S.A.F. and into the private sector food production.
 - c. My skills have increased over the years of building repairs, building teams and building relationships with people.
3. I have served as head of the Social Committee here at St. Mark's.
4. Our congregation has an ever increasing thirst for more biblical knowledge, communication and mentoring from church leadership and ministries of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.
 - a. I believe I can illuminate some possibilities concerning the scheduling of property use to fulfill the mandate of our Lord to assist others in seeking his face.
 - b. Our facility has many charities it supports and these ministries need assistance in expediting the movement of donations where I can lend my logistical background for their assistance
 - c. With growth comes looking to the future physical needs of the church which I would be willing to undertake.
5. I have been blessed with a great wife, Linda and two rambunctious children Trevor and Tyler. Our family enjoys walks, traveling, cooking and gardening. Currently, I repair and remodel homes and build cedar outdoor furniture. We have been members at St. Mark's for the past 15 years.

Susan Meyer, Treasurer

1. I feel that God is calling me to serve in this position and others in the body of Christ have been confirming that.
2. I feel that this position is one of trust that I hope to live up to. I have always enjoyed working with figures and fortunately have done well at it.
3. I have served on Altar Guild, as a Counter and as Treasurer for the last four years. I served for many years in Girl Scouts as leader, cookie Mom, cookie cupboard, neighborhood chairman and in charge of cookie sales for all of St. Charles (Cookie Chairman).
4. I think reducing our debt while continuing our ministries will be a challenge in the next few years. I would hope that as a part of Council that I can be a part of that.
5. I have four children and four grandchildren, half living locally and half out of state. I have worked in accounts payable for the last 14 years and recently retired. I have been a member of St. Mark's for approximately 30 years. I enjoy reading and playing Pinochle.

Krista Gronow, Secretary

1. I have agreed to run for the position of Secretary to St. Mark's Church Council as I feel prompted to serve God and my church in a role that uses my talents. As I have had the opportunity to know this church and the wonderful people who help out with all of the activities here, I decided I wanted to be a part of what is happening at St. Mark's and serve this congregation. I am honored to be nominated for the position and know that I can serve it well.
2. I view the position of Secretary to Council as an important role to provide a record keeping of decisions that are being made, communicating to the congregation the efforts of Church Council and serving the entire congregation and council as needed. I feel this is a good fit for me as I have come to learn that I enjoy working with other leaders. I feel that I have been blessed with the talent of being organized, working well with others and also having a proactive approach to new ways of communicating information.

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3. My prior experience is most recently serving as a member on the Evangelism Committee here at St. Marks' this past year and being a counter. Prior to coming to St. Mark's I served as the Secretary to Council at Grace Lutheran Church in Warminster, PA as well as a member of the Fellowship Committee and the Ladies Guild. I also served as a member of the Fellowship Committee at Advent Lutheran in Carmel, IN in 2003 prior to our relocation to Pennsylvania. Other civic leadership experience includes most recently serving on an ad hoc committee established by District 303 school board to work on a district policy. I was a Committee Chair to my children's PTO in 2007. I also served as a member of our neighborhood Homeowners Association Board in Indiana in 2003. I was also a Girl Scout Leader from 2003-2007.
4. One opportunity I see for this role is to work with the Council of St. Mark's and others in creating networks of small groups that provide opportunities for our members to work together for the greater goal of spreading the message of the Holy Gospel. I see my role on Council as serving alongside the other leaders as we strive to follow the church constitution, grow our church family, use our resources to the best of our capabilities and reach out to people of our community who may desire a church home.
5. I was raised Lutheran and have practiced my religion faithfully all my life. My husband Dave and I have been married 17 years and we have two daughters ages 9 and 11. I was blessed to stay home with them and just recently went back to work part time with a local physician group. We lived in Indiana 13 years and then relocated to Pennsylvania for 3 years. Both my husband and I served our churches in Indiana and Pennsylvania faithfully before moving to St. Charles two years ago. I have been blessed to be a part of two wonderful bible studies since I began attending St Mark's that have taught me how to better experience God in my life. I am also enjoying the Bible in 90 days study.

Fred Olesuk, Secretary

1. I feel it is a calling from God for me to help Him and the church. I feel honored to be considered also.
2. I view it as an honor to be considered. I also view it as very important and in helping the church. It would give me the opportunity to see how a church is run behind the scenes.
3. None.
4. To make St. Mark's more noticeable to the public and surrounding communities through activities, public relations and advertising. To give my possible input on occasion – depending of course on the topic.
5. I am married of course, and I am an insurance agent and have been licensed as an agent for 29 years. I have two children from a previous marriage, Chris – son age 22 and Kevin – son age 18. We have been members of St. Mark's for 3 years. I love sports and love to collect sports memorabilia. I also like to read, like history and nature.

Dave Jeziorski, Secretary

1. When I was first elected I was a St. Mark's member for about 3 years. Now 2 years later I find I am still eager to serve in ways that are both spiritual and material. Serving on the Church Council is unique in that it provides for both. On the council I serve the church and the church members to promote our mission and church vision. I also serve our Lord and see this service as a way of returning the many blessings he has given me.
2. The Council Secretary maintains important church records. Yet, it goes beyond that. The Council Secretary is an officer of the council and takes part in all the decisions and activities of the church leadership. The secretary must not only handle the secular responsibilities but also the spiritual responsibilities and provide spiritual leadership and examples.
3. I have, of course, served that last two years as Secretary. I have also been very active in leading bible studies, serving with the Praise Band and the music ministry, the 100 Anniversary Committee and other voluntary ministries. I am also responsible for the church sound systems. While a member of Trinity Lisle I served on the church council, the building committee and other ministries. I have been and am still active in other business and special interest groups as a member and leader.

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4. I believe and have faith in our mission statement. For future opportunities you just have to look back and see what has already happened in the last two years. Growth in membership. Growth in bible studies. Growth in outreach. Growth in service to our own members. Service to our youth. Serve our Lord through service to others. No one can predict all the future challenges or opportunities that will be presented but we need to trust that God will provide for what He puts before us.
5. I am originally from South Bend, IN. I still like to watch Notre Dame football. And I have family in IN that I like to visit from time to time. I moved to St. Charles in 1992 and have lived in the same home since. I guess I really have roots here now. My career has been in IT and telecommunications starting with AT&T. Most recently I worked for Alcatel-Lucent in Naperville. I have one son who lives with me for now. And I've really treasured this time because we've found many things we have enjoyed doing together. I like working on the house and yard. Trying to read and study more and watch TV less- still. Things electronic pique my interest so you can find me sitting in front of the computer - or taking it apart and trying to make it run faster. More often I work on finding ways to spend more time with friends and family. Of course, music is something I really enjoy. And my favorite band is still ...

Pattie Macklin, Secretary

1. After prayerful consideration I agreed to run for the office of council Secretary. It is another way for me to serve the Lord and the members of St. Mark's.
2. The office of secretary is not just one of taking notes and preparing minutes although I have experience in this area. The secretary also serves as a team member with the other council members to accomplish God's work in our church. When I previously served on council I was asked to prepare minutes in the absence of council secretary. Also, I work for a company named Corporate Minutes Services, Inc. and one of my responsibilities is to attend a monthly board of trustees meeting for a local Christian school and prepare the minutes of this meeting. My previous experience serving on the council has helped me see the big picture and yet be attentive to the details needed to accomplish God's plans for St. Mark's.
3. My previous church leadership experience at St. Mark's includes serving two terms as Member at Large, one term as Director of Discipleship and several years as one of the three Congregational Coordinators for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.
4. There are several opportunities at St Marks. There is a need to continue to improve the communications between the council and the congregation, increase the attendance at the quarterly congregational meetings so that decisions are made by a larger percentage of our membership and continue with evangelism. The secretary is responsible for much of the communication between the council and the congregation including the notification/agenda of the quarterly meetings. The secretary supports the evangelism program of St. Mark's both as a council member and as a member of St. Mark's.
5. In addition to working for Corporate Minutes Services Inc, I am employed by Janice Reed Schneider CPA where I do bookkeeping and income tax preparation. This is my second career having retired from a management position at Ameritech in 1999. Our daughter Jennifer and husband Rob have a daughter Claire and are expecting another child in March 2010. Being a grandmother brings great joy and is a daily reminder of how God has blessed our family. I've been a member of St. Mark's for 35 years. My hobbies include reading, gardening, following the Chicago Cubs and spending as much time as I can with my granddaughter.

Kevin Brolsma, Director of Evangelism

1. I have for the past several years been called to do more for the body of Christ. As a result I joined the Praise Team and have found that calling to be very fulfilling. It is the first time that I have found a way to publicly encourage others to follow Jesus Christ. I have continued to pray that God would expand my territory of influence for him and I believe this is one of the ways he is answering that prayer. I have prayed that prayer daily for over a year and it seems only yesterday that I started. This commitment is only for two years and will go by equally as fast. If chosen, I will commit the time and resources necessary to complete the assignment.

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2. I view the position as having two primary responsibilities. One is to be the director and administrative leader of the Evangelism Board. I have been a successful leader of teams for much of my working career. I have managed very large complex projects and am known in my work place as someone to be counted on to meet the objectives of those teams. I have done so by understanding the need to lead from a servant role, enabling and encouraging those in my group to rise above even their own expectations of success. As a result I have been willing to accept the responsibility for any deficiencies but pass along to them the recognition for the successes. The second primary responsibility is to be one of the administrative leaders of our church. I have also great work experience participating in management teams led by others. I look forward to that role with equal enthusiasm. My spiritual gift assessment indicates two of my spiritual gifts are administration and discernment.
3. I must admit that my experience in church and civic leadership positions is minimal. I have served my church more through activity based roles such as usher, greeter, reader, Sunday School teacher, communion server, and choir or praise team participant. My only civic leadership role was as the first President of the St. Charles North Football Boosters.
4. First and foremost our major opportunity is to tell the unchurched people of our community the story of Jesus Christ and what he has done for us and for our salvation because of his love for us. While I am excited about sharing that myself, I am aware that we can do much more by ENCOURAGING AND EQUIPPING the members of St. Mark's to do so. We live in unprecedented times. While we need to reach out to all nations, I think the need has never been greater to focus especially on our nation and our community. I believe the Director of Evangelism is the perfect position from which to do that. I believe that is why I have been called to that role at this time. Success in this endeavor can be measured in part by the number of people we touch, the number of our members who are reaching out and the growth of our congregation. Secondly, it is important that in these times we use our resources wisely and ensure the appropriate priorities are being served. It is certainly important for our Church Council members to be spiritual leaders in our church but they must also be administrative leaders willing to trust in the will of God to recruit, direct and employ the resources of our church to the best benefit of His kingdom.
5. I am a lifelong Lutheran who believes in the teaching of Martin Luther and the need to follow closely and teach his interpretation of our doctrine. I have been married to Ellyn since 1976 and have 3 sons, two daughters-in-law and one granddaughter. This is the second time we have lived in St. Charles as my work has resulted in our moving from here to Minneapolis, to Atlanta and back here. We believe this town is really our "home" as we have been here the longest and intend to remain here. I have been in various sales and management roles in the chemical industry and I also own a small business that makes specialized components for the semiconductor industry. We have been members here at St. Mark's for about 2 years. My interests include singing and listening to Gospel, Praise and traditional Lutheran Worship Music. I love to fish and hunt but find little time to do so. I am a fan of all things Minnesota where I grew up in a very small town. I have personally known people names Sven, Ole and Lena and I eat Lutefish.

Harry Stout, Director of Elders

1. I feel a need to take my turn contributing to the smooth running of the Board of Elders. My background and experience give me a good foundation to server our congregation effectively in this role. I have been an elder for 5-6 years and have a much better comfort level and understanding about serving in this position.
2. This is a very important and visible role within our congregation. My professional and volunteer experience has given me a solid base for being able to handle the demands of this position. I have an appreciation for the diversity of our congregation and its various needs, but also a strong love for His Word which we all share as a common faith. Mixing these two variables effectively will be the key to a successful two years of service.
3. In a previous church, I was Head Elder in my 20's and server there for several years. I have also been a middle school Sunday School teacher in Bensenville, and most recently have been serving as an elder here at St. Mark's. Outside the church, I have been a youth baseball coach for eight years and a scout leader for 10 years. Currently, I am the Scoutmaster for BSA Troop #1 in St. Charles.

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4. Over the next two years, I feel we need to push harder to not only retain the members of our congregation, but provide a worship environment that guests who visit us will want to eagerly be a part of for their spiritual future. I feel my role will be to keep in focus our faith and what it means to be a Lutheran and how that is a base for a strong spiritual growth for anyone who worships in our congregation.
5. I am 48 years old and married to my wife Karen for 20 years. We have one son, Jacob who is 15 years old and who has been baptized and confirmed in our church. I have been working for Sears for the past 23 years at the corporate headquarters in Hoffman Estates. For fun, I am a Scoutmaster and thoroughly enjoy the scouting activities such as camping and outdoors fun. I was raised Lutheran and attended Jehovah Lutheran School in Chicago as a youth. I am a lifelong Lutheran and have a strong faith-based mentality towards the things I am involved with daily.

Max Whitlock, Director of Elders

1. I firmly believe that God has a plan for everyone. My nomination was unsolicited and if it is His will for me to be nominated then I will run, and if elected, I will serve as Head Elder to the best of my ability. I am extremely grateful for all of the blessings that he has bestowed upon us and this is the least that I could do further His Kingdom.
2. I believe that position of Head Elder is one of the most important roles in the congregation. The elders are charged by the congregation to keep our worship services and other areas doctrinally sound. They are responsible for assisting the Pastor in all matters of spiritual welfare and in doctrinal decisions. They have many other responsibilities that help ensure that the worship services go smoothly. In addition their discernment is required as conflicts and problems arise between members.
I believe that the position is a good fit for several reasons.
 - a. I have been told that I have the gift of discernment and can “sort the wheat from the chaff” and succinctly summarize the key issues.
 - b. Having served on the Board of Elders and as Congregation President I know that our Congregation is blessed with many individuals that have unique gifts and talents that are very dedicated to the Lord. Knowing who can do what will help me hit the ground running.
 - c. Most importantly I have a strong faith. It will help carry us through difficult times that periodically happen in congregations and also help assure the members that the decisions that the Elders make are based on what we believe will best serve the Lord’s purpose and not man’s.
3. I have had the opportunity to be a member of many different congregations over the years. This has given me the opportunity to serve on almost every committee there is in both small and large (400 members) congregations. I served as the head of many of the committees and have also served as President/Chairman of three different Congregations – including St. Marks.
4. The Church is going through a transition period and will continue to do so. Demographics are changing and we have a solemn commitment to further the work of the Lord. The difficulties arise as we reconcile new approaches and environments with our traditions and doctrines. Communications are going to be key factor as we move forward. Having previously served on many of the committees I can relate to their goals. This will help me be able to successfully present the Elders’ position to Council and work with the members to arrive at solutions which will move us forward in God’s eyes. The spreading of the knowledge of Jesus’ saving grace must be the our underlying goal.
5. Linda and I and her Mother moved to St. Charles about 7 years ago and transferred our membership from St. Peters in Arlington Heights. We have been blessed with two sons and 4 grandchildren and also have a cat and a dog. My career has been in manufacturing with primary emphasis on finance and computer systems. In January, the company that I was working for merged with another one and I have since been working part time in technical sales at Office Depot.
I like to read and do a lot of puttering around outside. We have a Koi pond and I work on it and our landscaping.

Mark Your Calendars!

**Saturday, October 10th & Sunday, October 11th all morning in the fellowship hall
Come meet the Candidates!**

The nominating Committee will be hosting a “Meet the Candidates” forum where you can come for a little fellowship and get to know all our candidates running for Church Council offices. It’s your opportunity to come and ask questions, get to know the candidates better.

Staff office hour’s week of 10/12/09 – 10/16/09

Name	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Saturday
Pastor Silber	8:30am-12:15pm	3:00pm-5:00pm	9:00am-11:00am		3:30pm-5:30pm
Adriane Nemeth	8:00am-4:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm
Sean McAdams	9:00am-3:00pm	9:00am-3:00pm	10:00am-4:30pm	10:00am-4:30pm	
Dick Sonntag	8:30am-12:00pm			10:00am-12:00pm	
Matt Boll	12:00pm-4:00pm				
Marilyn Cummins	12:00pm-2:00pm				
Lorilyn Thomas		9:00am-4:30pm	9:00am-3:30pm	9:00am-4:30pm	
Preschool		9:00am-3:00pm	9:00am-3:00pm	9:00am-3:00pm	9:00am-3:00pm

In Appreciation

We would like to thank the members of St. Mark’s for their prayers, cards, expressions of sympathy, and kind thoughts regarding the passing of Jim’s father, Anthony Guzzaldo. We deeply appreciate the support.



Jim & Linda Guzzaldo

September 2009 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL PICTURE			
	Actual	Budgeted	Ahead (Behind)
Total General Offerings – September	\$36,342	\$ 47,900	(\$11,558)
Total Year-to-Date(YTD)Offerings –General	\$365,162	\$431,100	(\$65,938)
Total Debt Retirement Offerings – Sept	\$ 4,763	\$ 7,500	(\$ 2,737)
Total YTD Offerings – Debt Retirement	\$53,930	\$ 67,500	(\$13,570)
Total YTD Loose Plate	\$13,647	\$ 18,750	(\$5,103)
Total Offerings Year-to-Date	\$432,739	\$517,350	(\$84,611)

Cash in the bank: \$10,199.14.

Pictures have begun. Please bring a nonperishable food item and receive a discount on portraits if you choose to purchase. Even if you decide not to purchase portraits, the Salvation Army is in need of restocking their food pantry. *All food donations will be taken to the Salvation Army’s “Feeding an Army” here on 7th Ave. in St. Charles. Items most needed right now are: Jello, pudding, canned tuna fish, ramen noodles and any type of canned meat (please be aware of the expiration dates). Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.*



Sign-ups will continue to be available throughout the duration of our portrait dates.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the sign in of people on the day of photography, October 22, 23 & 24. It is very easy and you may get to meet someone you’ve only known by face. If you would have a couple hours to spare to help us out, please call the church office, 630-584-8638.



2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND E-GIVING

Our Elders approved the envelope dates and specials for 2010. The envelopes will be here in December. Our e-giving members saved us \$85.00 in envelopes. Anyone who wants to return to envelopes may do so within three months at which time your current number will be reassigned to a new member. If you decide to change for the convenience of e-giving the same window will be kept open for you. Information on setting up your e-giving account will be available in November.

Bob Ford, Director of Discipleship

OWLS OCTOBER LUNCHEON

The OWLS October Luncheon will be held at the Claddagh Irish Pub on Thursday, October 15th at 12:00 PM. The Pub is located in the Geneva Commons, 1702 Commons Drive, in Geneva (Randall Road & Williamsburg it can be seen on the West side of Randall Road). We will have a private dining room. Please sign up on the "OWLS" bulletin board, in the Narthex, no later than October 12th. Please call Mary Anne or Werner Schagunn at (630) 845-3473 if you need any additional information.



The nursery is looking for volunteers. If you would like to serve as a volunteer there is a sign-up sheet in the nursery or please contact Danielle Penman. If you are a family who attends the 11:00 service and would like to see the nursery staffed, please sign up on the sheet on the counter in the nursery. Thanks! The Nursery Committee



OCTOBER 31st LADIES GUILD HOLIDAY BAZAAR

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Bring your crafts, Christmas items, jewelry (*please place in*

the church office), books and clean white elephant articles to the bottom of the East stairway (under the mail boxes). All items need to be donated by Thursday, October 29th. Remember, lunch items are available to purchase along with coffee and cinnamon rolls. Admission is free. Hope to see everyone there.

OktoberFest

On Sunday November 15 at 1:00 pm, the youth group will be hosting their annual Oktoberfest. This will be a fundraiser for the youth trip to New Orleans next summer. There is no cost to attend, however we will be having a free will offering at the door. There will be home cooked German Potato Salad, Sausages from Ream's of Elburn and an Oktoberfest Staple, a Keg of Delicious Root Beer. Bring the Family and enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, and support the youth of St. Mark's!

Please Sign up at the Welcome Center or on the Youth Bulliten Board in the Narthex.



NID LWML Zestful Living Gathering:

“Shout for Joy to the Lord come before Him with joyful songs” Ps. 100:1-2

Saturday, October 17, 2009, 8:30-2:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church Family Life Center 405 South Rush St.,

Roselle. Renew your zest with Dawn Schalow from Zestful Living Ministries. Share morning coffee “and...” with friends. Enjoy a catered box lunch at noon. Join the devotional study, music, and other surprise activity for added zest. Registration fee \$35.00 (payable to NID-LWML). Registration forms available in the church office or register online at www.nidlwml.org.





UP-DATE on LIBERIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Praise God! More Liberian children will be able to attend the ten Lutheran schools of the Liberian Children's Ministry because of the gifts you have given. On September 26th & 27th when the Boways were here, a total of \$480.00 was placed in the model school house for scholarships. During our Liberian Children's Ministry emphasis month of September a total of \$75.00 has been given for scholarships. Other offerings for this ministry for September amounted to \$550.00.

God bless you for sharing His love. May the Lord multiply these gifts to His glory.



St. Mark's Intercessory Prayer Groups

meet

Sundays at 6 pm and Tuesdays at 5 pm

Come and join us! Prayer is the *communication* tool **God** gave us.

Even if you are not enrolled in the *Bible in 90 days study*, the main ingredient as a Christian is your commitment to faithfully read your Bible. It is the **book GOD gave us** and our compass for our life.

'SHOP FOR SHELTER' HAS ROOM FOR A FEW VENDORS

Plans are coming together beautifully for **Shop for Shelter**, our November 21 vendor show to benefit Lazarus House. This event is a one-stop shopping opportunity to support this important local ministry. We are nearing capacity in terms of available vendor tables, so if any members are interested, or know someone who might be, they should contact Laurie Stephans immediately at laurieocs@gmail.com or 630-901-7031.



Any members interested in working on the planning committee for the event should contact Margaret Studer, Kathy Olesuk or any member of the Evangelism Committee.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH NURSE

*****SEASONAL FLU CLINIC*****

Where: St. Mark's Fellowship Hall

When: Thursday, October 22, 2009

Time: 1:00 P.M. --- 3:00 P.M.

Seasonal flu vaccine.....\$20.00 (\$5.00 less than last year and at local pharmacies)

Pneumonia vaccine.....\$35.00

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis).....\$45.00

There will be **NO** H1N1 flu vaccine offered.

For those on Medicare, you **MUST** present your Medicare Part B card. VNA will bill Medicare Part B. No Medicare HMOs or PPOs accepted.

Blood Pressure Screenings Saturday, October 10th, following the 5:00 P.M. service and Sunday, October 11th, following the 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. service.

The lord will keep you free from disease. Dueteronomy 7:15

Blessings,

Saint Mark's Youth Group

Marilyn Cummins, Parish Nurse

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Please Sign up at the Welcome Center or on the Youth Bulliten Board in the Narthex.



Youth Group on the Web!

The Youth group has a website where you can find up to the minute information on upcoming events, Confirmation and a bunch of other things as well ! WWW.SAINMARKSYOUTH.COM On the website, you will find links to follow the youth group on Facebook and Twitter for even more instant information on what the youth of Saint Mark's are doing!



National Youth Gathering 2010 – New Orleans!

Attention all youth who will be Entering High School in August 2010...

The national youth gathering will be taking place in New Orleans July 17-21, 2010. This is a fun and exciting chance to grow as a group, learn more about the love Christ has for us, and hang out with other Lutheran youth from around the country and world. By now everyone who would like to go should have come to a meeting. Registration materials are on the youth group website and are due NO LATER THAN OCT. 11th.



High School Youth Group: Corn Maze

On Sunday October 18th, The High School Youth will travel to Jonamac Orchard in Malta to traverse their massive Corn Maze. We had a great time last year and

This year should be no different. Please bring 8 dollars to cover the cost of admission and transportation. We will leave St. Mark's at 2:00 pm and should be back around 5:30pm. Also feel free to bring money for apple cider and homemade donuts at the Orchard's Snack Shop.



Confirmation Classes

Attention all Youth and Parents of Youth in Grades 6th through 8th.

Confirmation Classes will resume for the year Beginning Wednesday, October 7th at 4:30 pm.



Upcoming Events:

Confirmation Classes Resume: Wednesday, October 7th 4:30-5:45pm

Oktoberfest: Sunday November 15 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

High School Bible Study- Every Sunday @ 9:30 am in youth room

High School Youth Group – Every Sunday night @ 6:30pm in youth room