



# LIFE

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The St. Mark Youth Group will host breakfast on April 13th, Palm Sunday morning. Join us for food and fellowship between 7:00am and 10:30am in the Meyer Activity Center. The menu is a full spread of pancakes, sausage, eggs,

biscuits and gravy, and pastries with coffee, juice and milk to wash it all down. Free will donations will be accepted to help support the annual work camp and other youth activities.



**Wednesday,**  
**April 16th, 2014**  
 WOW - 7:00PM

**Thursday, April 17th, 2014**  
 Maundy Thursday  
 Worship - 7:00PM

**Friday, April 18, 2014**  
 Good Friday Worship  
 11:00AM & 7:00PM

**Saturday April 19, 2014**  
 Evening Worship - 5:00PM  
 Special Easter Baptismal Service



**Easter**  
**Sunday**  
**April 20, 2014**

## Worship Schedule

8:00a.m. Worship

10:00a.m. Worship

Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Sunday school resumes April 27th.



## Easter Baptisms

Easter Baptisms will take place on *Saturday Night, April 19th at the 5:00PM* service. This special time is for both children and adults who have not yet been baptized.

Please call the church office for more information. **563.322.5318**



**Easter Lilies**

and Decorations

If you would like to honor or remember a loved one during this Easter season by sponsoring our Easter decorations, please use this form and include it and \$10.00 in an envelope and bring or mail it to church. On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday we will include all the names of the loved ones in a special insert placed in the bulletin.

Thank you!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Offering Envelope# \_\_\_\_\_

Given:

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

-or-

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Form and money are due in the office by April 7th.**

## *Notes from the Organ Bench by Ellen Bowlin... April 2014*

Holy Week and Easter will be here in a couple of weeks. If you would like to sing with the choir for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, please attend choir rehearsals at 7:30PM on Wednesdays, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and at 7:00PM on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. We welcome you, especially if your schedule doesn't permit you to attend regularly during the year.

One of the hymns that we sing regularly on Easter Sunday and will again this year, is "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!", ELW #382. This hymn text was written by an Irishman, John Samuel Bewley Monsell who was ordained an Anglican deacon in 1834 and a priest in 1835. He wrote 11 volumes of poetry, which include about 300 hymns. The tune was also written in the 1800's and is a happy, jumpy tune that matches the bright and joyous character of the text.

We encourage you to participate in all of the Holy Week services which are all different and most meaningful. They are designed to help you meditate on Christ's passion for us which lead to our joyous celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

*You shall have a song.. and gladness of heart.*



### April 6th - Fifth Sunday in Lent

#### Hymns:

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

ELW #452

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

ELW #339

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW #759

#### Scripture:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

#### Special Music:

8:00am "Amazing Love" - Family Choir

10:00am "If Jesus Wept" - Chancel Choir

### April 13th - Palm Sunday

#### Hymns:

"The Palms"

"All Glory, Laud & Honor"

ELW #344

"My Song to Love Unknown"

ELW #343

"Jesus, Remember Me"

ELW #616

#### Scripture:

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11;

Matthew 27:11-54

#### Special Music:

10:00am "The Cross Was His Own" - Boughton - Chancel Choir

### April 17th - Maundy Thursday

#### Hymns:

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

ELW #347

"A New Commandment"

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW #484

"Psalm 22"

#### Scripture:

Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 18th - Good Friday

#### Hymns:

"Jesus, I will Ponder Now"

ELW #345

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

ELW #349

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

ELW #351

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ELW #324

"Were You There"

ELW #353

#### Scripture:

The Passion According to John 18-19

#### Special Music:

"He Never Said a Mumbalin Word" - Hopson - Chancel Choir

"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God" - Chancel Choir

### April 20th - Easter Sunday

#### Hymns:

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

"Christ is Risen! Alleluia"

ELW #382

"I Am the Bread of Life"

ELW #485

"Thine is the Glory"

ELW #376

#### Scripture:

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

#### Special Music:

"Begin the Song of Glory Now" - Fedale - Chancel Choir &

Brass Quartet

### April 27th - Second Sunday of Easter

#### Hymns:

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ELW #363

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW #635

"This Joyful Eastertide"

ELW #391

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing"

ELW #385

#### Scripture:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

#### Special Music:

"Alleluia! Christ is Arisen" - Bojos - Chancel Choir

## “Quilters 4 Christ”

By Candy Bates

St. Mark Lutheran "Quilters 4 Christ" was established by Candy Bates in 1998 as an outreach to those in need of a warm hug. Through donations from the congregation of fabrics, threads, yarn, a dedicated group of artistic ladies have made and donated 100's of quilts. Through the years we have seen the demand for quilts change, our group of sewers has changed, but the warm smiles and thankful facial expressions given to us when we wrap a quilt around someone has never changed.

In the beginning we focused on single sized quilts for the troubled teen homes. Duretta Abbott is a master at creating T-shirt quilts, so we soon established a Christ's love bond with the kids using old T-shirts to make quilts to fit each person's personality. While rewarding for us and the teen, funding forced the homes to close. We then had a calling for lap quilts for a senior center. Donations of wheelchair and lap quilts is a joy to not only make, but to visit and give. Our St. Mark visitors outreach group can always find a quilt in our closet to give to a homebound person or a member that has been hospitalized. Adding to our different sizes of quilts, we added our baby quilts with expert Lois Daasch teaching 9 patch blocks and always having 3 or 4 quilts ready to tie or use as a teaching aid at each meeting. Using festive soft flannel and cotton fabrics, we stitch together the quilts in laughter, fellowship and prayer. Babies baptized at St. Mark are given a quilt. The pregnancy crisis center receives our quilts and a new venture that has arisen is the need for comfort quilts to give to children that are pulled from their homes and placed in foster care. Scared and alone, these tiny tots are given wrapped in a quilt for warmth and security. Every quilt is rolled around a beanie baby animal and little hands love to latch on to the adorable little stuffed animal as if it were their very best friend. We recently gave a Social workers 25 such quilts and our beanie baby quilts found homes very quickly.

Quilters 4 Christ meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at St. Mark in the conference/library/quilters room. We learn a new quilt block pattern. We discuss a layout design and how the block is put together. We search our cupboards for fabrics of our liking and the magic begins. We sew, sew, sew... Our 16 year members have seen special passions emerged and delight in teaching our many younger members. Lois makes beautiful baby



quilts, but she is also the master of the very small block. Duretta likes large quilts: Flying Geese boards and Log Cabin blocks. Joanna Edwards makes beautiful totes, purses and table runners. Elain Stein always has patchwork tops ready for us to layer and tie. Barbara Dunsworth helps organize quilts for distribution and organizes instructions for our next lesson. Candy enjoys the Civil War blocks and Tree of life patterns.. Pastor Travis Fisher is our biggest supporter. He enjoys seeing all the quilts this group puts together and tells us of the love he sees in their makings. He encourages us to have quilt shows in the lounge and he blesses each quilt before they are given. Blessings and Joy. Come join us if you'd like. We'd love to meet you....



## *(W)holistic Living.... Thoughts from the Parish Nurse*

I hope some of you decided to try our wellness activity for Lent called Make It or Break It.

This activity involved picking one good habit or breaking an old bad habit to improve nutrition and make a small step to improve our overall health. I still have materials available if you would like to try this.

I would also like to focus on learning to slow down and eat prayerfully. Too often we eat not because we are hungry, but because we are angry, disappointed, anxious, stressed or bored. We use food as a reward. We eat on the run, behind the steering wheel, at the computer or TV. We look for quick fixes to feed our family in a hurry. We overlook healthy food groups. We forget the role food plays in our lives - nourishment for energy, growth and renewal.

Slowing down and eating prayerfully invites gratitude - to God, creation, and all who had a role in bringing the meal to your table. Chewing your food slowly and completely supports digestion. Pausing between bites and eating until satisfied instead of full helps you feel relaxed and content. By learning to listen to your body's messages, you can be satisfied with less and potentially even experience weight loss. Prayerful eating helps you to savor your meal and fellowship with those gathered at the table.

When we pause to consider the food in front of us, we recognize the connection between faith and health. Eating prayerfully stirs us to give thanks, enter into conversation about the day's happenings, and notice where God is present. It is a small step that - when practiced over time - can become a healthy habit that helps us to live well.

Finally, as I mentioned in last month's newsletter, Strength for the Journey is receiving a new and broader focus. It will be called Life Together. This group will meet on the second Monday of the month beginning April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. It will be a time of sharing, devotions and a meal together. It is for anyone dealing with a life challenge such as grief, illness, support in caregiving, a life change such as retirement or job loss, or anyone who may be alone and is looking for companionship with others. You are invited to come occasionally or every month. We will meet in the bride's room. If you would like to join us and have questions or need a ride, please call Nurse Bev at #563-210-5851.

*In faith, hope and love, Parish Nurse Bev*

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### **Wellness Opportunities**

- Make It or Break It congregational wellness activity continues through Lent.
- Soulfit exercise class meets on Tuesday mornings in Luther Hall at 9:30 AM.
- Life Together meets Monday, April 14, @11 AM in the bride's room.
- UnityPoint Homecare Foot Clinic meets Monday, April 28, 1-3 PM, by appointment, in the bride's room .



# HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

## What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



## What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.



# SIGNS OF *Rebirth*

Isaiah 35 describes the rebirth of a dry land when Jesus returns, as well as the signs of God's beautiful creation at springtime.

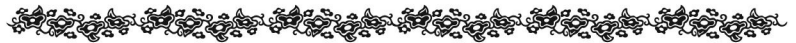
**Directions:** Solve each math problem. Then write the words in order, from smaller numbers to larger numbers, in the spaces below.

bloom  $6+1=$  \_\_\_\_\_ blossom  $2 \times 2=$  \_\_\_\_\_ rejoice  $4 \times 2=$  \_\_\_\_\_

burst  $3+3=$  \_\_\_\_\_ wilderness  $2+1=$  \_\_\_\_\_ joy  $5+5=$  \_\_\_\_\_

crocus  $3+2=$  \_\_\_\_\_ desert  $1 \times 0=$  \_\_\_\_\_ parched  $0+1=$  \_\_\_\_\_

glad  $2 \times 1=$  \_\_\_\_\_ shout  $10-1=$  \_\_\_\_\_



"The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ land will  
be \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ will rejoice  
and \_\_\_\_\_. Like the \_\_\_\_\_,  
it will \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_; it  
will \_\_\_\_\_ greatly and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_."

*Isaiah 35:1-2, NIV*

Answers:  
"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and burst into bloom. It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.  
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom. It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy."



It takes a lot of help to make a successful Trivia Night. Thanks to all those who participated (14 tables), donated raffle baskets and door prizes, helped set up, ran the event and cleaned up, babysat, and donated their winnings back to the preschool. What a caring community St. Mark is! Almost \$1400 was raised for the Preschool. Thank You! - Pam Carstens

**Sessions:** Preschool hours are 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

**Level II:** Age 3 by September 15, 2014

Tuesday-Thursday **or** Monday-Wednesday-Friday day

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Age 4 by September 15, 2014

Monday-Wednesday-Friday **or** Monday through Friday (5 days)

*\*\*Children are grouped in "classes" which are subject to availability.*

*They must be potty-trained and ready for a group experience. Please enroll early!*

**Tuition:** See below plus one-time \$35 registration fee

2-day

3-day

5-day

\$110 per month

\$160 per month

\$260 per month

*\*Kid's Crossing Day Care available Monday through Friday 7 a.m.—5:30 p.m. ages 3-5*

*Kid's Crossing Summer Enrichment starts June 2nd. Call 326-5060 for more information.*



## Preschool Fun Night

Friday, April 25th

5:30—7:30 p.m.

In the gym



Games & activities  
(geared for under  
age 8: lollipop tree,  
duck pond, fishing,  
kid's Kitchen,  
Book Walk & More!

Tickets available at the door.

Come for supper—pizza, hot dogs,  
chips, baked goods and pop!

**HELP!** We could use help in the kitchen or with games, as well as donations of canned pop, baked goods, or prize items. If you can help, please contact Pam. Thanks!

*Due to Good Friday Services,  
there is no FUNtastic Friday in  
April.*

## Save the Dates!

**M.A.D. CAMP**

(MUSIC, ART, & DRAMA)

June 16-20



**VBS- July 7-11**

(Vacation Bible School)

**WEIRD  
ANIMALS**

Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind

## **The ELCA and You by Bob Beckman**

The office of the Secretary of the ELCA has many functions and one of them is keeper of the archives under the guidance of our new ELCA Secretary the Rev W.Chris Boerger. The ELCA has 2 Archivists – Cathy Lundeen, the collections management archivist; and Joel Thoreson the reference archivist. St Mark Church has our own archivist, Lowell Daasch.

The ELCA archives are kept separately from the Lutheran Center in Chicago and are stored in Elk Grove Village, Illinois about 8 miles away from ELCA Headquarters. Cathy Lundeen responded to an email question of mine “Can anybody Lutheran or non-Lutheran request information” and she responded “Anyone can visit and/or request information from the archives. In addition to the questions we receive from people researching their genealogy, we have many researchers from across the country and overseas that visit the archives to research the ELCA and its predecessor church bodies involvement in global missions, relief work and other issues and events that affected Lutherans as well as persons of other faiths.

Requests can be made thru the computer ([www.elca.org/About/History/Archives](http://www.elca.org/About/History/Archives)) or writing to ELCA Archives, 321 Bonnie Lane, Elk Grove Village, 60007 or by phone 1-800-638-3522 or 847-690-9410. More about ELCA archives will follow in a future issue of “Life”.

### ***of many generations...***

***Women of the ELCA, Ninth Triennial Gathering  
July 24-27, 2014 • Charlotte, North Carolina***

It's time to do something for yourself. No excuses allowed. You need time away for rest and renewal. You need time with women of bold faith and courage. You need time to dance and sing and praise God. You need time with women **of many generations.**

We are real women talking about our faith. About our doubts and challenges. About joy and what inspires us. We'll experience conversations between friends-old and new-that will develop into a movement sweeping the church, inspired and infused with the Holy Spirit. We hope you'll attend of many generations and add to the conversation.

*For more information go to: [www.welcatg.org/about](http://www.welcatg.org/about)*

## **Guys, Guts, & Glory**

Lutheran Men's Gathering  
Nashville – July 18 – 20, 2014

Register online: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

Register by mail:

Registrar, Lutheran Men's Gathering  
8765 West Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631-4101

Hotel Reservations: 800.336.3335

for Lutheran Men's Gathering

Hotel Online: [www.loewshotel.com/en/Vanderbuilt-Hotel/GroupPages/Lutheran-Men-Gathering](http://www.loewshotel.com/en/Vanderbuilt-Hotel/GroupPages/Lutheran-Men-Gathering)  
Register by March 31 to get the discount.

## **Smart Choice Foods**

Wednesday, April 2nd 5:30-6:30pm

Sunday, April 6th 9-10am

Thursday, April 10th 10-NOON

April 15th 10-NOON LAST DAY OF ORDERING

Distribution April 26th 9-10:30am

## **New: In the Library**

**Kinkade, Thomas & Spencer, Katherine**

Book 1: *Cape Light*

A seaside hamlet where folks still enjoy a strong sense of community and everybody knows everybody's business.

Book 2: *Home Song*

There's something special about this town. Once you get there, you won't want to leave.

Book 3: *A Gathering Place*

Unforgettable stories of the folks in this tight knit community remind us of the extraordinary healing power of love.

Book 4: *A New Leaf*

The residents of this close knit community have discovered time and again how love has the remarkable power to sustain the spirit and heal suffering.

Book 5: *A Christmas Promise*

The village has a special guest.

## **Our Church Staff**

<i>Pr. Travis Fisher</i>	Pastor	<i>Lisa Willey</i>	Office Coordinator
<i>Bev Blake</i>	Parish Nurse	<i>Milly Heskett</i>	Event/Facility Coordinator
<i>Ellen Bowlin</i>	Minister of Music/Organist	<i>Paul Regginello</i>	Sunday Custodian
<i>Pam Carstens</i>	Dir. of Preschool &	<i>Steve McCalester</i>	Sunday Custodian
	Asst. Dir. of Music	<i>Trianna McCalester</i>	Nursery Supervisor
<i>Mick Carstens</i>	Administrator	<i>Emily Droegmiller</i>	Nursery Attendant

## OUR WINDOWS

Good Stained Glass Windows in church usage are not intended to be mere decoration. Not only are they to help provide an atmosphere of reverence in a sacred place, their purpose is also to teach by visual method and to lead the mind of the worshipper away from the things of the world to those of the spirit. For centuries good stained glass has been, in the best sense, a visual aid which perpetually and silently tells the story of God's love. Indeed, in the ages when few people could read, windows performed a vital function of visual instruction. The church windows themselves preached and taught the Gospel.

Stained glass art is an art of its own. It does not seek to imitate the art of painting. A good stained glass artist remembers that the window is part of a wall, which is flat surface and makes his figures and scenes flat, without perspective or roundness. The artist strives to be eloquent in the presentation, but avoids sentimentality: seeking beauty, but avoiding "prettiness". Therefore, the art has an enduring worth and lasting interest, no matter how often seen. As with good music or any other good art form, appreciation only grows with familiarity. Moreover, the figures in good stained glass are always more stylized. Any photographic likeness is avoided since this would destroy the feeling that religion is timeless, sacred, apart from and above material things, and eternal in value. For these reasons, the famous works of the medieval stained glass artists, who founded the art in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, remain among the great art treasures of the ages, worth going thousands of miles to see.



One does not have to travel thousands of miles to see such beauty. St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church provides with its windows an atmosphere of reverence and sacred spaces in and around its sanctuary. While some of the windows date back to the 1920's most of the current sanctuary windows were commissioned in 1972, and others in the chapel in 1954, and those in the lounge and hallway in 1978.

You are invited to come and learn from these windows. Allow them to speak to you in silence or during community worship. The office staff will be happy to "open the doors" for you to reflect, meditate, admire, and pray during the week 7:30AM until 4PM. Or we Welcome and Invite you to join us for worship on Saturdays at 5PM, Sundays at 8AM or 10AM or Wednesdays at 7PM.

***Submitted by Pastor Travis Fisher***

*The window articles are sponsored by the memorial committee who are working toward raising funds to refurbish and protect these beautiful windows. Preservation of these treasured windows is expensive and a project to restore and preserve is hoped to be completed by the 100th anniversary of St. Mark. Gifts to the memorial fund may be designated upon the death of a loved one, or be given in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check and designate in the memo line who it is you are memorializing.*

<b><u>Finance</u></b> <b><u>Corner</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Summary</u></b>	<b><u>Regular Offerings Year to Date</u></b>	<b><u>Food Pantry Report-Feb.</u></b>
	Feb. Income     \$    35,761.18	Received     \$ 68,432.42/100.14	1/31/14 Balance     \$ 2,116.30
	Feb. Expenses   \$    31,731.09	Budget Amount \$    68,333.34	Feb. Income     \$ 2,233.56
	\$     4,030.09	Amount Ahead     \$     99.08	Feb. Expenses     \$ 1,396.90
			2/28/14 Balance     \$ 2,952.96

# Youth Group Information

## PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST (WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER – *WORKCAMPERS MUST ATTEND*)

*April 13 – 6am-10:30am*

Palm Sunday Breakfast is a fun morning, but it takes a lot of work from youth and parents. We would like to have parents volunteer to donate food to help offset the cost of the breakfast

### Menu

- Eggs
- Sausage
- Biscuits and Gravy
- Pastries
- Pancakes and Syrup
- Butter and Jelly
- Milk and Juice

We will also need help on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to set up. This will be sometime in the afternoon, depending on other activities at church. We will need parents and youth to set up, make breakfast, serve food, clean up, and especially to wash dishes!!

### Youth Event: MOVIE NIGHT

April 25th: “Heaven is for Real” movie night.  
More details to come. Even though this is a youth group event, **ALL** are welcome to come along for movie fun!

### Work Camp Meeting

Work Camp Meeting on April 27th at 11:15am.  
All parents and students going to work camp are asked to come and discuss final preparations and fundraising ideas for work camp.

### *Hospitalized During March*

Melvin Grubbs, Sr.  
Emilie Leese



### **Baptized in March**

March 2, 2014

**Kylie Lorelei Mosher**

### *Thanks Be To God!*

On April 2, 1949, Lee & Florence Reedy  
were married at St. Mark.  
Happy 65th Anniversary!

### **You're Invited!**

**What?** -70th birthday party for Jean & Wally Kelding.  
**Where?** -In the gym at St. Mark Lutheran Church.  
**When?** - Saturday, March 29th, 2014 from 1:00pm-4:00pm.  
*No gifts, please. Cake reception.*



**We offer the Family of:**  
**Marilyn Cooksey**  
**Ursula C. Schoellhorn**

words of love, support and comfort.  
May they rest assured in the midst of their challenges and adjustments that God will sustain them in the loss of their loved one through faith in our Risen Lord. Because He lives, we too shall live.



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A total of 124 people, representing 93 families, were served at our food pantry in February 2014.

Items were donated from St. Mark Church,

Souper Bowls of Caring from St. Mark, Good Samaritan, Hoover Preschool, and St. Mark Preschool, Grace United Methodist, Grace Lutheran Church and other individuals.

During the month of April, the food pantry will be collecting Boxed Meals, ie: taco dinners, hamburger helper, etc. **Thank you!**

Friendship Group



April 1st, the Friendship Group will meet at the **Hickory Gardens** at 11:30am.

Friendship Group is

an informal gathering. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch! If you would like to come, please sign up in the lounge and indicate if you need a ride.

Hope to see you there!



### *Share-a-Meal April 24th at 6PM*

Please take time to look over the sign up sheet in the lounge to see where you can help. Each month we need servers, hot casseroles, vegetables and desserts. This is a worthwhile ministry that St. Mark is involved in. The beauty of this is anybody can help, no special skills are needed. Just a warm and giving heart is all you need. I promise, once you break the ice and take that first step you will find out how gratifying it really is. The meal site is located at the Salvation Army Family services building at 5th and Harrison Streets. Meal starts at 6pm. Please email me at [baldmanruns@gmail.com](mailto:baldmanruns@gmail.com) or call 563-508-6127 for more exciting details! -God Bless you, Dave Jessen



### MISSION ACTION REQUESTS FOR APRIL 2014 FAMILY RESOURCES and PREGNANCY RESOURCES

Mission Action

FAMILY RESOURCES received 17 items for the month of FEBRUARY. This included clothing for men, women and children, shoes, gloves and miscellaneous items.

PREGNANCY RESOURCES received 2 totes, 6 large cans of formula, 13 sample packs of formula and 5 boxes of Mary Kay cosmetics, donated by Linda Litt. This came to a total of 121 items. Thank you so much for everything.

The needs for APRIL, are as follows:

FAMILY RESOURCES: pots, pans, dishes, utensils, towels, diaper wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, bed linens, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, cleaning and personal care items

PREGNANCY RESOURCES: sleepers for girls and boys, 0-24 m, pacifiers, baby wash and baby lotion

We will also be making PERSONAL CARE KITS for local delivery. These are taken to FAMILY RESOURCES and LUTHERAN SERVICES of IOWA. The items are the same as we use for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF in the fall, except that we will include toothpaste in these kits because they are not being shipped. Here is the list of items.

- 1 towel
- 2 bath-size bars of soap
- 1 tube toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers

Wrap the items in the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn. If you would like to donate items to help us make kits please put them in the red bin in the lounge closet and mark them to be used for the Personal Care Kits. We will be putting them together at our APRIL Circle meeting and plan to deliver them locally in APRIL. Or if you wish to make up a kit, it can be placed in the in the closet also. Thank you for helping with our local outreach.

We are all waiting for spring as Pastor Travis says, each day we are getting one day closer. It has been a winter of waiting and healing for me too. So this month I think of Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart."

MISSION ACTION; Fred and Milly Heskett



April 2014

May 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
8:00am Worship 9:00am Breakfast Club 9:00am - 10am SCF Ordering 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Worship & Music Committee	6:00pm Cub Scouts/Luther Hall	9:30am Soul Fit 11:30am Friendship Group 6:00pm 1st Communion Instruction	4:30pm Young Rngs & Sngs 5:30pm - 6:30pm SCF Ordering 5:45pm Celebration Bells 7:00pm WOW-Lent 7:30pm Chancel Choir	2:00pm Memorial Committee 4:30pm Brownies 5:15pm Property	10:00am Searchers' Bible Study	10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00pm Worship
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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Palm Sunday 7:30am - 10:00 Palm Sunday Breakfast 8:00am Worship 10:00am Worship	11:00am Life Together 6:00pm Cub Scouts/Luther Hall	9:30am Soul Fit 10:00am - Noon SCF Ordering (Last Day)	4:30pm Young Rngs & Sngs 6:00pm Celebration Bells 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm WOW-Lent	9:00am MVQG 10:15am Good Samaritan 4:30pm Brownies 5:00pm Wedding/Chapel 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	Good Friday Pre-School Closed 11:00am Good Friday Worship 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 7:00pm Good Friday Worship	11:00am Easter Egg Hunt-Camp Oakwood 1:00pm Wedding 5:00pm Worship
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Easter Day (United States) 8:00am Worship 10:00am Worship 12:00pm LIFE articles due!	Office Closed Pre-school is in Session	9:00am MOPS 9:30am Soul Fit 6:30pm Theology on Tuesday	4:30pm Young Rngs & Sngs 5:45pm Confirmation 6:00pm Celebration Bells 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm WOW	6:00pm Council Meeting 6:00pm Share-A-Meal	TBD-Youth Movie Night 10:00am Searchers' Bible Study 5:30pm Pre-school Fun Night 6:30pm Young at Hearts	9:00am - 10:30am SCF Distribution 5:00pm Worship
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
TBD - Youth Movie Night 8:00am Worship 9:00am Breakfast Club 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Work Camp Meeting	1:00pm Foot Clinic 6:00pm Preschool Board 6:00pm Cub Scouts/Luther Hall	9:30am Soul Fit 6:30pm Theology on Tuesday	8:00am Assemble LIFE 4:30pm Young Rngs & Sngs 5:45pm Confirmation 6:00pm Celebration Bells 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm WOW			



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Saturday Worship with Holy Communion

5:00 pm

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 & 10:00 am

WOW : WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

During Lent: Please join us for a light meal  
in Luther Hall at 6pm and then stay for  
worship at 7pm, also in Luther Hall!

### Camp Oakwood Easter Egg Hunt

We are collecting candy donations March 2nd  
–April 13th.

This year the Easter Egg Hunt will take place  
at Camp Oakwood on April 19, 2014 at  
11:00am (arrive by 10:45am). Lunch will be  
provided and prizes (!) will be given away.

The lunch and hunt are sponsored by Kim  
Sherrod-Hensler and family. They always do a  
FANTASTIC job!

