



# THE SAINT MARK'S MESSENGER FEBRUARY 2015

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## **Expectations**

### **Pastor Thomas S. Hanson**

From time to time, it is good for pastors and people to have a reality check of expectations and the way each think things should be. Over the years of a pastor's ministry in a congregation, members tend to make assumptions and have expectations about what pastors do (or should do) and how pastors should respond. None of these expectations are wrong, it's simply that one pastor cannot fulfill the expectations of 300 different members. In this article, I will write about two such areas of understanding this month and more in the March "Messenger."

### **Pastoral Care: Hospital and Care Facility Visitation**

To the best of my efforts, when I am informed by a member or a member's family that he or she desires a pastoral call, I make a phone call or visit as soon as possible depending on the circumstances.

For reasons of members' personal privacy and my professional ethics, I have learned not to make visits based on comments or hear-say from unrelated people about the health condition, hospitalization, and need of members. This avoids great embarrassment and misunderstanding that could and have happened in my experience. I acknowledge that there may be times when there is missed communication or when I do not respond as quickly as the member or family desires. This is not an intentional ignoring of the person or family.

We all must keep each other informed of our needs.

My Pastoral Care Policy: The biggest problem I have is not being informed by the member (or family) that pastoral care is desired. If I am not told, I cannot know that care is needed. If I am not told, I cannot make a call/visit without an invitation from the member or the family due to privacy and professional ethics. Hospitals no longer call churches to tell us that one of our members is in the hospital or care facility. Pastors are not mind-readers. Unfortunately, pastors are often the last to know.

If a family member is in the hospital, call me.

### **Pastoral Organizational Leadership**

From my first weeks at St. Mark's, I have tried to make clear that I understand my principal role in leading this congregation is to make certain that Christ crucified and risen is proclaimed. My second role is to lead this congregation so that the gospel is made visible in worship, service, stewardship, and all our actions as individuals and as a congregation.

To this end, my task is to lead in such a way that our various ministries, decisions and actions come from the membership of the congregation and not from the pastor. My responsibility is to support, nurture, guide, direct, encourage, and offer training for the members of this congregation. You are disciples of Christ and not merely members of a congregation.

St. Mark's is your congregation. It is the place where God has placed you to be Christ's disciples. Pastors, at best, are always "temporary shepherds;" we come and go but the congregation remains to serve Christ. This is your church, your ministry, your mission. I am here to serve you as a shepherd leads the flock.

If you have questions or comments, call me or stop by the church office. I'm happy to have a chat.



## January 2015 Men In Mission

We held our monthly Men in Mission on January 10th due to the holiday weekend.

This also coincided with the time to take down the Christmas tree and other Christmas decorations around the church. Pastor Tom led a prayer to start the day and he and Sue pre-

pared and served a delicious breakfast.

Eleven folks attended for the planned monthly work. A/C filters were changed, painting continued in the office area with the Conference room, vent screening above the office was repaired to prevent "unwanted guests" in the ceiling, the stop rod on the iron gate by the Ark was installed, the concrete benches by the rear playground were reassembled, lights were repaired and then we helped with the decoration removal. The Crèche and tree were taken down and put in storage for another year.

Attendees for Men in Mission: Ken Sohacki, Aaron Brown, Eric and Gina Olsen, Dave Swan, Fred Schaible, Bill and Punkie VanAs, and Sue and Pastor Tom.

Saturday, February 7th, will be the annual Men's Gathering coordinated by Jim Dennis. We will not have a scheduled Men in Mission, but may have a special work day sometime during the month. A notice will go out via the phone tree if needed.

Thanks to those that attend these work days. It is critical that this regular maintenance be done.

### Property

There were no major projects or problems this month. The Property continues to review and prioritize larger items that require attention. Some of the things we can do ourselves, but many require outside vendors or contractors to accomplish.

Thanks to all for your continued support of our facility.

God's work, Our hands,

Bernie, Ken and the Property Committee



## **Tony's Musical Notes**

The Jacksonville University Singers and voice faculty Prof. Kimberly Beasley and Dr. Jay Ivey present a free concert at **St. Mark's Friday, February 6 at 7 p.m.** as the homecoming concert of their annual Florida concert tour.

Under the direction of Dr. Timothy Snyder, the 25-voice University Singers performs an eclectic and challenging repertoire spanning the centuries and the globe including Renaissance polyphony, Baroque and Classical masterworks, folksongs, music theatre, opera and new music by living composers.

The University Singers has performed for the American Choral Directors Association, Beaches Fine Arts Series, and the Florida Music Educators Association. Notable appearances include concerts in New York's Avery Fisher Hall, England's Canterbury Cathedral and numerous collaborations with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. The University Singers gives over forty concerts each year on campus, in the community and on tour. Most recently the Singers toured in France where they performed at Chartres, La Madeline, Paris and the Basilica of St. Nicholas, Nantes. A 2016 concert tour to Italy is in preparation.



### **A Message from the Ark**

January's Lion's Pride luncheon was very different than past luncheons. Before lunch, the Polar and Grizzly Bears entertained the Lion's Pride members with a few songs. They were led in song by Ginger Hudson, our music teacher. The Polar and Grizzly Bears were enchanting.

After the entertainment, the Polar Bears, our three-and-a-half/ young four year olds, returned to their class. The Grizzly Bears, our four and five year olds, brought their bag lunches and joined the members of Lion's Pride for lunch. The conversations were about the cutest things ever— from the lunches they packed to presents from Santa. After lunch, I got to speak about the importance of the Ark as an ongoing mission of this church and its importance to the community we serve. I shared stories and answered questions.

This kind of intergenerational get-together bridges the age gaps. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the Lion's Pride members and the children were SO excited! They told their parents and grandparents all about the special luncheon they attended.

Let's hope to have more opportunities to see the Ark's mission in action.

God's peace,

Patrice Roux-Neal



## 4th Annual Lutheran Men's Regional Gathering

St. Mark's Lutheran Men in Mission would like to extend an invitation for all interested men and teenage boys to attend the upcoming **4th Annual Lutheran Men's Regional Gathering**. This will be held on Saturday morning, February 7th, from 8:00am until 11:30am. St. Mark's will be hosting this event and there is no charge for the Gathering, which will include a hot breakfast.

We are pleased to have **The Reverend Robert G. Schaefer, Bishop of the Florida-Bahama Synod**, as our guest and keynote speaker. The theme of the event is directed to a better understanding of how Christian men can best serve Christ in today's 21<sup>st</sup> century society. The morning will consist of sharing the breakfast meal, a large group talk by Bishop Schaefer, a fun and informative session of "Bible Jeopardy" followed by small group discussions and a worship service.

We very much hope that you (as well as any interested non-Lutheran men you know) will be able to attend. We anticipate it to be an uplifting and meaningful experience to all those attending. This is the fourth year for this event that serves to bring together and unite all Lutheran men of the First Coast. The invitation is, however, also extended to any women that would like to attend.

We ask that you please call the office at St. Mark's if attending (396-9608) by February 2nd or email me at [james.dennis@jax.ufl.edu](mailto:james.dennis@jax.ufl.edu) if you have any questions concerning the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Annual Pancake Breakfast - Tuesday, February 17



Come join us and enjoy a fresh made breakfast with the Ark Preschool families and our church members on Shrove Tuesday, February 17 starting at 7:00 AM.

Leslie Allen and crew will be cooking eggs and flipping pancakes for all to enjoy. A "love all" offering will be taken to help defer expenses.

Please let Larry Tallman or Leslie Allen know if you will attend and how many will come with you.



### THE STEWING POT --- FEBRUARY, 2015

- "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first Commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37b-39.
- In 1 Corinthians Saint Paul writes: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all." What is your ability?
- No matter how long the Lord gives us with the ones we love... it is still hard to say good-bye.
- Just some thoughts for the month. Have a wonderful month! Uncle Stew

# Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

Deborah Circle meets the second Tuesday at 9:30 am in Hart Hall. The next meeting is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Priscilla Circle meets the second Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Church Library. The next meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Rebecca Circle meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in Hart Hall. The next meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Our three circles were named after women in the bible. Deborah was a leader of Israel; her story is in Judges 4-5. Priscilla was an early evangelist; her story is in Acts 18. Rebecca was the wife of Isaac; her story is in Genesis 24 – 27.*

***All women are invited to participate in Circle meetings and special events.***

*Contact Rachel Mumford or Joyce Wertz for more information.*

## CIRCLE NEWS

### PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Our circle got off to a great start! We planned our meeting calendar for the upcoming year.

We also discussed what part we played in our church family and community for the last quarter of 2014. A few of our projects included:

Ark snacks (Everyone) – we provide some healthy snacks for the Ark

Tee Shirt Project (Kim Dodds) – We collected t-shirts for donation and use at Rethreaded, which is a project for women who are trying to turn their lives around, break the cycle of poverty and stay off the streets. Rethreaded offers viable and creative work to those affected by the sex trade (i.e. human trafficking prostitution, drug addiction, pornography and strip clubs).

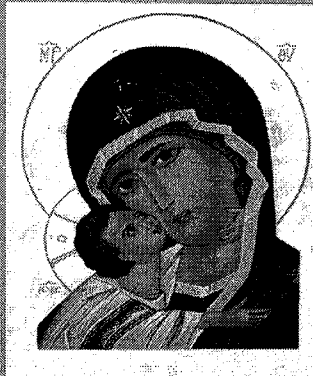
Clothes (Kim Dodds) – We collected clothes for Riverpoint Behavioral Health. Some of the patients are homeless or without family support. These patients arrive sometimes only with a hospital gown and are in treatment sessions with patients who are in their everyday clothes. They also need to be clothed when they leave the program.

Flower Delivery (Ruth Voss) – We rotate with all the St. Mark's Circles in distributing altar flowers. Priscilla Circle will be responsible for February deliveries so if you know of someone who would appreciate receiving them, please let us know.

We are enthusiastic to begin some new projects in 2015. If you have any suggestions for us, please get back with me. Also we are always looking for new women to join our group. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 in the Library.

Clara Giancola, Leader

Religious Icons  
and  
Their Meaning  
to Us as  
Christians



Women  
of the  
**EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
IN AMERICA**

Please join us for a joint circle meeting on  
February 28th in Mart Hall at 10:30 am.

Our speaker is Ann Brodt,  
and will discuss the subject of  
Religious Icons and their meaning to us as  
Christians.

All are welcome to attend, and to stay after  
the presentation for a light lunch served by the  
Women of the ELCA.



**Welcome to St. Mark's Newest Members**

**Dave and Tina Caro- (904) 759-9282**

**Laura Metzger- (561) 379-3906**

**Martin and Emily Beckmann- (904) 412-9823**





St. Mark's Wishes a  
Happy birthday to All of Our  
February Birthdays:

Pat Ainsley	February 1
Peyton Harkrider	February 1
Bernie Giancola	February 7
Brian Snyder	February 9
Eric Stupski	February 12
Rose Tallman	February 15
Kamm Eckels	February 17
Phyllis Green	February 17
Jill Hillis	February 19
Betty Hamon	February 22
Carol Daraskevich	February 23
Kim Dodds	February 23
Eddie Jackson	February 25
Max Cassella	February 28

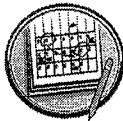
We're shining a  
special spotlight on  
our dear member  
Betty Hamon who will be  
celebrating her 101st birthday!



Happy Anniversary to YOU...

Justin & Lecia Vogel February 3, 2001  
Greg & Kim Dodds February 25, 1995

from your St. Mark's family!



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

If your address, phone number, cell phone number, or e-mail address changes at any time, please notify the church office so the records can be accurate and your corrections published in the Messenger, as well as the directory.

Note: Is your birthday or anniversary missing? Then it is not in the church database. Let the Church office know of any omissions so everyone can be remembered on their special days. Thanks!

Calendar Items

Items to be included in the weekly Roars must be in by Wednesday. Items to be included in the monthly Messenger must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Please keep messages brief.** All articles, messages, calendar info, etc. are subject to approval and may be reformatted at the sole discretion of the church administrator.

Submit all info. to Wendi Orr at (904) 396-9608 or wendi.orr@stmarksjax.org.



We hold our Contemporary/  
Casual Worship Services

every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

Our February services will  
take place Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 5:30 PM in the Nave.

Please join us and bring a friend.



The next blood drive at Saint Mark's will occur on February 8, 2015 beginning at 8 a.m. Please plan to attend and help those in need of blood. Thank you and see you on the bus! Come be a quiet hero



**Saint Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Summarized Congregation 2015 Proposed Budget  
Recommended to Congregation on February 8**

	<b>2015 Proposed Budget Presented in</b>			
	2014 Actual	2014 Budget	December 2014	February 2015
<b>SPENDING</b>				
Invite Ministry	348	750	750	750
Nourish Ministry	2,147	3,530	2,775	2,775
Celebrate Ministry	5,736	8,555	6,458	8,458
ELCA Mission Share	34,000	34,000	33,000	33,000
Other Send Ministry	2,684	3,800	4,536	4,536
Fellowship Expenses	740	950	590	590
Mortgage	73,747	72,660	72,660	72,660
Utilities	42,073	43,900	41,900	41,900
Insurance	28,335	25,000	29,000	29,000
Capital Replacement Reserve	12,000	12,000	0	0
Other Ongoing Property Operations & Maintenance	55,082	51,400	48,290	48,290
Administrative Office Expenses	17,007	16,150	17,275	15,775
Office Staff	44,117	44,368	44,808	28,664
Cantor	62,857	62,857	64,094	64,094
Nursery Worker	0	2,239	0	0
Senior Pastor	95,508	96,247	105,869	102,615
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>476,380</b>	<b>478,406</b>	<b>472,005</b>	<b>453,107</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Member Pledged Offering	278,868	275,982	296,706	297,606
Member Non-Pledged Offering	64,984	91,000	85,610	65,000
Special Appeal	0	0	0	17,206
Other Receipts	66,213	68,653	71,295	73,295
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>410,065</b>	<b>435,635</b>	<b>453,611</b>	<b>453,107</b>
<b>NET CASH INCOME</b>	<b>-66,315</b>	<b>-42,771</b>	<b>-18,394</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Available Reserve Funds</b>	<b>66,978</b>		<b>13,185</b>	<b>2,620</b>
	Actual on 12/31/2013		Projected for 12/31/2014	Actual on 12/31/2014

**Saint Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Presented in  
December February  
2014 2015  
Affect on Net Cash Income

**WHAT CHANGED IN THE PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET**

Net increase of Member Pledged Offering for pledges	\$900
Reduced Member Non-Pledged Offering to track 2014 Actual	-\$20,610
Added Special Appeal as an new Source of Funds	\$17,206
Decreased Senior Pastor's Base Salary	\$3,254
Reorganized office staff position for a savings	\$16,144
Increased Other Receipts for Thrivent Grants for music	\$2,000
Increased Celebrate Ministry's music expenses for in-kind gifts	-\$2,000
Decreased Administrative Office Expenses for a revised copier cost	\$1,500

**WHAT CHANGED OUTSIDE THE BUDGET**

No Affect on Net Cash Inc.

Increased value received for Parsonage (not on spending schedule)	\$3,254
Senior Pastor's Defined Compensation (Base Salary plus Parsonage)	no change

**WHAT CHANGED IN STAFF COMPENSATION  
between 2014 and 2015 Budget**

2014 Budget	2015 Budget	\$ Change in Budget	% Change in Budget
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**for Senior Pastor**

Base Salary	\$60,106	\$61,909	\$1,803	3.0%
Parsonage Value (not in the Spending Authorization)	\$24,606	\$22,803	-\$1,803	-7.3%
Health Insurance premium with no change in coverage	\$19,404	\$21,852	\$2,448	12.6%
Retirement/Pension	\$10,165	\$10,165	\$0	0.0%
Disability Insurance	\$0	\$2,118	\$2,118	100.0%
Other Benefits	\$1,271	\$1,271	\$0	0.0%
Continuing Education	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.0%
Reimbursements	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$0	0.0%

**for Cantor**

Salary	\$57,461	\$58,610	\$1,149	2.0%
FICA at 7.65% of salary	\$4,396	\$4,484	\$88	2.0%
Continuing Education	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.0%

**for Office Staff**

Director of Ministry Administration & Volunteers - Salary from full year to one and a half months	\$40,982	\$5,123	-\$35,859	-87.5%
Director FICA at 7.65% of salary	\$3,136	\$392	-\$2,744	-87.5%
Coordinator of Communications & Parish Life - Salary part time position starting in mid-February	\$0	\$21,272	\$21,272	100.0%
Coordinator FICA at 7.65% of salary	\$0	\$1,627	\$1,627	100.0%
Training/Continuing Education	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.0%

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Detailed Congregation 2015 Proposed Budget

Account Description	2014 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Proposed Budget	
			Presented in December 2014	Presented in February 2015
<b>Expenses</b>				
Invite-Advertising	298	500	650	650
St. Andrew's Society	0	200	0	0
Other Evangelism	50	50	100	100
Total Invite Mission	348	750	750	750
Youth Ministry	880	1,700	1,200	1,200
Sunday Church School	851	1,000	800	800
First Communion	23	50	50	50
Confirmation	40	100	100	100
Stephen Ministries	0	500	0	0
Devotional Books	318	180	475	475
Other Nourish Programming	36	0	150	150
Total Nourish Mission	2,147	3,530	2,775	2,775
Instrument Repair & Maint	427	1,700	1,700	1,700
Music	1,887	2,000	0	2,000
Music Licenses & Copyrights	468	600	600	600
Other Music Program Costs	262	300	300	300
Altar Guild Supplies	788	587	640	640
Worship Resources	242	38	139	139
Worship Licenses & Fees	479	480	479	479
Supply Organist	650	1,750	1,500	1,500
Supply Pastor	532	1,100	1,100	1,100
Total Celebrate Mission	5,736	8,555	6,458	8,458
Mission Share ELCA	34,000	34,000	33,000	33,000
Other Send Ministries	2,684	3,800	4,536	4,536
Total Send Mission	36,684	37,800	37,536	37,536
Coffee Time Expenses	486	645	415	415
Intergenerational Events	0	150	0	0
Other Fellowship Costs	255	155	175	175
Total Fellowship	740	950	590	590
Janitorial Service	14,772	15,800	14,800	14,800
HVAC Maintenance	2,080	4,000	4,000	4,000
Fire Protection	1,840	600	1,400	1,400
Plumbing Repair	792	2,400	2,400	2,400
Pest Control	3,047	3,200	3,200	3,200
Janitorial Supplies	2,021	2,400	2,400	2,400
Security System Fees & Maintenance	1,786	1,250	1,000	1,000
Other Bldg & Equip Maintenance	7,425	4,200	4,200	4,200
Lawn Service	7,595	7,600	7,600	7,600
Other Grounds Maint	190	800	500	500
Electricity	28,145	30,000	28,000	28,000
Water & Sewage	8,921	7,000	7,000	7,000
Irrigation & system maintenance	5,559	5,000	2,500	2,500
Phones & Internet	5,007	4,900	4,900	4,900
Propane Gas	2,184	2,000	2,000	2,000
Property Insurance	28,335	25,000	29,000	29,000
Dumpster Rental	1,842	1,750	1,750	1,750
Web Fees & Expenses (from Invite Ministry)	436	300	300	300
Communications & Technology	315	800	800	800
Software Expense (from Admin category)	761	900	840	840
Misc. Property Expense	1,888	600	600	600
Total Property	124,951	120,300	119,190	119,190

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Detailed Congregation 2015 Proposed Budget

Account Description	2014 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Proposed Budget	
			Presented in December 2014	Presented in February 2015
Office Supplies & Admin Expenses	2,811	2,600	2,800	2,800
Postage & Shipping	868	900	750	750
Copier Lease & Maintenance	7,990	8,000	9,300	7,800
Office Paper Costs	705	600	575	575
Stewardship Expenses	390	500	500	500
Conferences & Conventions	2,061	1,850	1,900	1,900
Council & Leadership Expenses	202	450	200	200
Workers Comp. Insurance	1,219	1,250	1,250	1,250
Total Administrative	16,246	16,150	17,275	15,775
Child Care Guild Salary	0	2,080	0	0
Child Care Guild FICA	0	159	0	0
Cantor Salary	57,461	57,461	58,610	58,610
Cantor FICA	4,396	4,396	4,484	4,484
Music Staff Continuing Education	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Director of Ministry Admin & Vol Salary	40,982	40,982	41,392	5,123
Director of Ministry Admin & Vol FICA	3,135	3,136	3,166	392
Coordinator of Communications & Parish Life Salary	0	0	0	21,272
Coordinator of Communications & Parish Life FICA	0	0	0	1,627
Admin Staff Continuing Ed & Training	0	250	250	250
Total Church Staff	106,974	109,464	108,902	92,758
Senior Pastor Base Salary	60,106	60,106	65,163	61,909
Senior Pastor Pension & Insurance	30,452	30,841	35,406	35,406
Senior Pastor Continuing Education	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Professional Expense (Books & periodicals)	179	300	300	300
Senior Pastor Auto Mileage Reimbursement	3,170	3,400	3,400	3,400
Senior Pastor Cellular Telephone Reimbursement	600	600	600	600
Total Pastoral	95,508	96,247	105,869	102,615
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>389,333</b>	<b>393,746</b>	<b>399,345</b>	<b>380,447</b>
Mortgage Payments	73,747	72,660	72,660	72,660
Capital Replacement Funding	12,000	12,000	0	0
Surplus/Contingency & Other Costs	1,300	0	0	0
Total Other Expenses	87,047	84,660	72,660	72,660
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>476,380</b>	<b>478,406</b>	<b>472,005</b>	<b>453,107</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
<b>Member Offering</b>				
Member's Pledged Offering	278,868	275,982	296,706	297,606
Member's Non-Pledged Offering	64,984	91,000	85,610	65,000
Total Member Offering	343,852	366,982	382,316	362,606
<b>Other Receipts</b>				
Non-Member Offering	3,495	4,000	3,120	3,120
Loose Offering	4,092	3,500	4,000	4,000
Other General Offerings	10,488	5,750	10,200	10,200
Special Appeal	0	0	0	17,206
Stewardship Program	348	300	350	350
Columbarium Receipts	600	0	0	0
Other Designated Receipts	1,451	0	725	2,725
Ark Usage Fees	42,651	48,203	45,000	45,000
Other Building Usage Fees	450	400	450	450
Interest & Dividends Earned	6,419	6,500	7,000	7,000
Gain/Loss on Sale of Stock	496	0	0	0
Unrealized Market Gain/Loas on Securities	-4,461	0	0	0
Other Misc. Receipts	184	0	450	450
Total Other Receipts	66,213	68,653	71,295	90,501
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>410,065</b>	<b>435,635</b>	<b>453,611</b>	<b>453,107</b>

# Worship Assistant Schedule

Date/Service Time	Assisting Minister	Lector	Server	Altar Guild	
Sunday, Feb 1	8:30 AM	Steve Hicks	Leslie Allen	Rose Tallman	Jan & Mary Berglund
	11:00 AM	Gary Pudimat	Bridget Pudimat	Eddie Jackson	Sharon Feingold & Nicki Hassell
Saturday, Feb 7	5:30 PM	Cathy Stupski	Karl Stupski		Marieanne Prokop & Ginger Hudson
Sunday, Feb 8	8:30 AM	Bill VanAs	Neil Daraskevich	Carol Daraskevich	Bonnye Bell & Loree Mueller
	11:00 AM	Barbara Brown	John Schoenecker	Susan Jackson	Susan Jackson & Rachel Mumford
Transfiguration Sunday, Feb 15	8:30 AM	Steve Hicks	Eric Olson	Ellen Olson	Bonnye Bell & Renee Roath
	11:00 AM	Jane Kilby	Sue Hanson	Dennis Doiron	Susan Jackson & Rachel Mumford
Ash Wednesday Wednesday, Feb 18	12:00 Noon 7:00 PM	Pastor Hanson	Jan Berglund	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
Saturday, Feb 21	5:30 PM	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Carl Moser	Rose Tallman	
	5:30 PM	Larry Tallman	Rose Tallman		Marieanne Prokop & Ginger Hudson
Sunday, Feb 22	8:30 AM	Ron Eckels	Jan Berglund	Jack Hudson	Nicki Hassell
	11:00 AM	Gary Pudimat	Carl Moser	Bridget Pudimat	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

Date/Service Time	Order of St. John	Fellowship	Nursery	Ushers	Altar Flowers/ Festival Stands
Sunday, Feb 1 8:30 AM	A/S <b>Volunteer Needed</b> C/S <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	The Jorn Family	Rosemary Madden & Sue Hanson	Lee Stanford & Leslie Allen	Marvin & Aubrie Brown
	A/T Sarah Jom C/S Amelia Jom		Bridget & Jordan Pudimat	Eddie & Susan Jackson	
11:00 AM					
Sunday, Feb 8 8:30 AM	A/S <b>Volunteer Needed</b> C/S Paige Sohacki	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Ellen Olson & <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Lee Stanford & Punkie VanAs	Larry & Rose Tallman
	A/S Grace Maszy C/S Jody Harkrider		Arold Rambeloarisoa & <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	The Brown Family	
11:00 AM					
Transfiguration Sunday, Feb 15 8:30 AM	A/S <b>Volunteer Needed</b> C/S <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Cindy & Paige Sohacki	Lee Stanford & Punkie VanAs	Ruth Copeland
	A/S Tahiana Rakotomandrindra C/S Miora Rambeloarisoa		Madison & Jill Hillis	John & Rachel Mumford	
11:00 AM					
Sunday, Feb 22 8:30 AM	A/S <b>Volunteer Needed</b> C/S Cindy Sohacki	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Lee Standford & The Sohacki Family	Lent
	A/S Nolan Pudimat C/S Jordan Pudimat		John & Rachel Mumford	The Brown Family	
11:00 AM					

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Family Promise Host Week Begins</b> 8:30 Worship/N 9:45 BP Screening/L 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/N 12:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal/MS	<b>2</b> 6:30 VBS Meeting/N	<b>3</b> 4:00-7:00 Literacy Partners Tutoring/Office Suite 5:15 Meditation/N 6:00 Yoga/HH 7:00 Diakonia Class/MS 7:30 Community Band/FH	<b>4</b> 10:30 Bible Study/CR 5:30 St. Mark's Ringers/N 6:15 Vespers Worship/N 6:45 Alleluia Ringers/N 7:30 Festival Choir /N	<b>5</b> 10:00 Ark Chapel/N 5:15 Meditation/N 6:00 Yoga/HH	<b>6</b> 7:00 Jacksonville University Singers Concert/N	<b>7</b> (Family Promise Breakfast Served in Office Suite) 8:00 4th Annual Regional Lutheran Men's Gathering/FH 9:00 Confirmation 5:30 Casual/Contemporary Worship Service/N
<b>8 Family Promise Host Week Ends</b> 8:00 Blood Drive/Front Parking Lot 8:30 Worship/N 9:45 BP Screening/CR 9:45 Congregational Council Meeting/L 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/N 12:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal/MS	<b>9</b> 6:30 Nourish Team Meeting/CR 6:30 Stewardship Ministry	<b>10</b> 9:30 Deborah Circle/HH 4:00-7:00 Literacy Partners Tutoring/L 5:15 Meditation/N 6:30 Technology Committee/SM 6:00 Yoga/HH 7:00 Diakonia Class/MS 7:30 Community Band/FH	<b>11</b> 10:30 Bible Study/CR 5:30 St. Mark's Ringers/N 6:15 Vespers Worship/N 6:45 Alleluia Ringers/N 7:30 Festival Choir /N	<b>12</b> 10:00 Ark Chapel/N 5:15 Meditation/N 6:00 Yoga/HH 6:30 Property Committee/CR 7:00 Priscilla Circle/L	<b>13</b> 12:00 Lion's Pride Lunch Group/HH 4:00 St. Mark's Ark Sweet Frog Fundraiser/University Location	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 10:00 Rebecca Circle/CR 9:00—11:00 Confirmation/CR
<b>15 Messenger Submission Deadline</b> 8:30 Worship/N 9:45 BP Screening/L 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/N 12:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal/MS	<b>16 President's Day</b> 6:30 Finance Team Meeting/L	<b>17 Shrove Tuesday</b> 7:30—9:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast 4:00-7:00 Literacy Partners Tutoring/L 5:15 Meditation/N 6:00 Yoga/HH 7:00 Diakonia Class/MS 7:30 Community Band/FH	<b>18 Ash Wednesday</b> 12:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service/N 6:00 Festival Choir Rehearsal/MS 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service/N	<b>19</b> 10:00 Ark Chapel/N 5:15 Meditation/N 6:00 Yoga/HH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 Bishop's Lenten Vigil/HH & N 9:00 St. Mark's Health & Nutrition Support Group/L 5:30 Casual/Contemporary Worship/N 9:00—11:00 Confirma-
<b>22</b> 8:30 Worship/N 9:45 BP Screening/L 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Youth Choir /MS	<b>23</b> 6:30 Council Meeting/L	<b>24</b> 4:00-7:00 Literacy Partners Tutoring/L 5:15 Meditation/N 6:00 Yoga/HH 7:00 Diakonia Class/MS 7:00 St. Mark's Ark Board Meeting/L 7:30 Community Band/FH	<b>25</b> 10:30 Bible Study/CR 5:30 St. Mark's Ringers/N 6:15 Vespers Worship/N 6:45 Alleluia Ringers/N 7:30 Festival Choir /N	<b>26</b> 10:00 Ark Chapel/N 5:15 Meditation/N 6:00 Yoga/HH	<b>27</b> St. Mark's Handbell Retreat Begins	<b>28</b> 10:30 WELCA Joint Circle Event/HH

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT  
DECEMBER 2014**

To: St. Mark's Congregation, Church Council & Finance Committee  
From: Larry Tallman, Comptroller

Operating Fund	Current Month	Year to Date December			
		Current Year			Prior Year
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Difference
<b>SPENDING</b>					
Invite Ministry	0	750	348	402	90
Nourish Ministry	91	3,530	2,147	1,383	3,036
Celebrate Ministry	455	8,555	5,736	2,819	6,387
Fellowship Expenses	119	950	740	210	58
Send Ministry	500	0	2,684	(2,684)	3,269
Synod Benevolence	2,833	37,800	34,000	3,800	32,172
Mortgage	7,142	72,660	73,747	(1,087)	74,013
Utilities	2,965	41,900	42,073	(173)	40,878
Insurance	2,503	25,000	28,335	(3,335)	28,385
Other Property Expenses	4,236	64,500	67,082	(2,582)	56,991
Administrative Expenses	2,987	17,050	17,007	43	21,646
Church Staff	8,831	109,464	106,974	2,490	104,895
Pastoral	7,974	96,247	95,508	739	90,584
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>\$40,636</b>	<b>\$478,406</b>	<b>\$476,380</b>	<b>\$2,026</b>	<b>\$462,404</b>
<b>SOURCES</b>					
Pledged Offerings	22,593	275,982	278,868	2,886	266,358
Non-Pledged Offerings	4,658	91,000	64,984	(26,016)	93,029
Other Receipts	8,033	68,653	66,213	(2,440)	65,913
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$35,283</b>	<b>\$435,635</b>	<b>\$410,065</b>	<b>(\$25,570)</b>	<b>\$425,300</b>
<b>Sources less Spending</b>	<b>(\$5,353)</b>	<b>(\$42,771)</b>	<b>(\$66,315)</b>	<b>(\$23,544)</b>	<b>(\$37,104)</b>

Mortgage balance at month end \$483,409 \$534,567

All Funds	Beginning Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Spending	Ending
				Balance
Operating Fund Reserve 1	10,730	468,270	476,380	2,620
Capital Funds	27,705	27,116	28,451	26,369
Designated Gifts	123,618	41,214	104,971	59,860
Special Activity Funds	13,462	29,081	30,635	11,908
Other Dedicated Funds	21,953	21,275	23,228	20,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$197,469</b>	<b>\$586,955</b>	<b>\$663,666</b>	<b>\$120,757</b>

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	December 2014			
	6 & 7	14	20 & 21	24 & 28
Saturday Service	14	-	13	-
Christmas Eve Service	-	-	-	223
Sunday Service	105	119	109	77

← two Sunday Services → single service

Notes to this Financial Report

1 Year-to-Date receipts include \$58,205 transfers to supplement revenue shortfalls.

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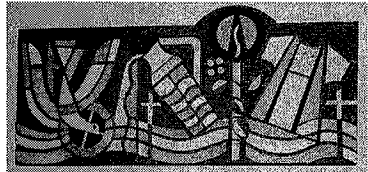
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