

THE LION'S TALE

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St. Mark's
Parish History Project
May 1 and May 8
after 7:30 am and
10 am services

Every congregation is a human institution located in history (the date of its founding to the present), in a specific geographical place (the surrounding community) and the lives of its members (past and present). When it comes to writing the history of St. Mark's, the people of the parish - you - are the experts.

As part of the transition in the life of St. Mark's and the Search Process that is getting under way, the Vestry and I invite you to participate in the Parish History Project after church on Sunday May 1 and May 8. This will be your chance to take a marker and add your memories, stories, and personalities to the time line showing St. Mark's history. Each table in the parish house will have butcher paper showing decades and years; take marker in hand and move from table to table to add what you remember of the history of the parish.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

FRIDAYS 10:30 A.M. Study Group

SUNDAY, MAY 1st and 8th - Parish History Project

FRIDAY MAY 6TH Episcopal City Mission Birthday Party (see page 2)

FRIDAY MAY 13TH Potluck Dinner and Movie Night (see page 2)

SUNDAY, MAY 15th The Rev. Canon E. Dan Smith, supply and meets with the Vestry
~**Vestry Meeting 11:15 a.m.**

SAT. MAY 21ST Hall Rental/Rummage Sale

SUNDAY, MAY 22nd

~11:15 a.m. Reception for the Rev. Marylen Stansbery

~12:15 p.m. Grubby Sunday

~1:00 p.m. St. Louis Fashion Doll Club

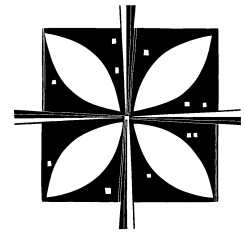
RECEPTION FOR THE REV. MARYLEN STANSBERY Sunday May 22nd

After the 10:00 am service the Parish Life Committee is hosting a reception for Marylen in the Proehl Center and garden area. Please plan to come thank Marylen for her service to the St. Mark's Community.

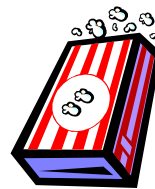
FEED MY PEOPLE

St Mark's is participating in Feed My People's Meal A Month program. Each month a suggested shopping list of 5 items is provided which helps provide a complete meal for a family. Donation bags are available at the back of church and envelopes for those who would prefer to make a cash donation. Donations may be brought to church any time during the month. Any donations are welcome; the list is just a suggestion. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Marti Robards with any questions.

SAINT MARK'S LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE



Look for the plan for additional new landscaping for the Memorial Garden, and for the plaza area in front of the church and by the Proehl building. You can sign up to donate one or more of the needed shrubs or to contribute to purchasing a bench for outside the East entrance. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall or you can call the office to see what is available. Thanks for the great response.



MOVIE NIGHT AND POTLUCK DINNER- FRIDAY, MAY 13TH - At

6:30 p.m. we will have a Potluck dinner in the parish hall followed at 7:30 p.m. with the showing of "The Wizard of Oz".

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT CITY DETENTION CENTER

On Friday May 6th members of St Mark's are invited to help host the monthly Birthday Party at the City Detention Center. These parties are part of the ministry of Episcopal City Mission, a unique ministry of the Diocese of Missouri to children in detention. Please meet at St. Joan of Arc's parking lot at 6:30 pm and we will carpool from there. For more information contact Rita Mauchenheimer.

COFFEE HOUR

In the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service. A new sign up sheet for coffee hosts is on the bulletin board in the parish hall



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 17, 2011 VESTRY MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, by Mitch and seconded by Jeff, as corrected. Correction: Those attending the Leadership Conference at St. Martin's were: Peter Van Horne, Rita Mauchenheimer, Kim Jungermann, Amiya Thompson and Barb Macke.

Financial Report: Sue distributed a copy of the Ruth Proehl monies and explained dispersal. Clergy Concerns: Peter shared with us information to apply for a grant from the diocese to assist in Community Ministry outside the church. Canon Dan Smith will be here May 15 in the interim's absence. He will speak to the vestry after services. Peter summarized some of the results of the parish questionnaire. The complete report will be ready in a few weeks. The parish history project will take place on May 1 & 8; the first two Sundays after Easter. Parish members will make additions.

Members Concerns: A "Grubby Sunday" should be scheduled. A list will be made of things to be done and sent to Carol E. to compile. Possible date might be Sunday, May 22. Margaret suggested a fundraiser booth at the Pridefest June 25 & 26. She will contact that organization. Tom Smith will work with Allen regarding the grant for improvement of the Proehl patio. Upgraded bids will be requested. A pest control person will be coming to spray for ants, etc. A question has been raised about locking doors on Sunday. An usher locks the new entrance at 10:15am. The others are locked by the last one out after services. Ushers will be reviewing this policy.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Macke

NEW SPRING ISSUE OF "SEEK"

The publication from the Diocesan Office is now available for pick up at the back of church or is available online at diocesemo.org.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Vestry has charged me with forming a committee to clarify the procedures as regards the Memorial Garden. Any and all input by parishioners is invited. ~
Kevin Tracy.

FLOWER SUNDAY

Sunday May 8TH



Per a notice from the Very Rev. Mike Kinman of Christ Church Cathedral, they have decided to end the annual Saturday Flower Festival Eucharist and street fair. They will continue the tradition of "Flower Sunday" - which was for decades the original fulfillment of the bequest of Henry Shaw. On Sunday, May 8 they will welcome Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson, new director of the Missouri Botanical Gardens, as the guest speaker for a special 10:00 am service.

GRUBBY SUNDAY-MAY 22

The vestry has scheduled a "Grubby Sunday" for May 22nd after the reception for the Rev. Marylen Stansbery. We hope to do some outside maintenance (gumball raking at the top of the list), and cleaning of the church basement. If anyone has any suggestions for things to be done or would like to volunteer for specific projects please contact the office. Please keep in mind that the Doll Club will be meeting in the parish hall in the afternoon beginning at 1:00 pm.



SPEND A DAY AT THE OPERA!!

Join us on Sat. June 18, 2011 at Opera Theatre of St. Louis for Daughter of the Regiment by Donizetti. It is a comedy! You can join us for a picnic lunch at 11:00am (bring your own or order online) followed by a free lecture at 12:00. The show starts at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$19. Please contact Mary Feldmeier:



KATHY THOMPSON'S RUMMAGE SALE

I have rented the Parish Hall for May 20 & 21 for a rummage/estate sale. I am happy to share the space with fellow parishioners who would like to rent a table from me for \$10.00. You can sell junk, antiques, crafts-anything you want. Joan of Arc is having a tailgate sale Sat. May 21 so I hope to get a lot of traffic for my sale. Friday May 20 is setup and the sale is Sat. May 21 from 8-3 pm. Contact Kathy Thompson.



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARK CLEAN-UP AND PLANTING DAY SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

Everyone is invited to join your neighbors as we clean-up and plant in our beautiful neighborhood parks. We will meet at 8:30 AM at Tamm and Nottingham for Francis Park volunteers and at Hampton and Jamieson for Willmore Park volunteers. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** It's also a great opportunity for students to obtain Community Service hours. Call Rosemary Spittler, 352-4885, St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association, if you have any questions.

For the St. Mark's Calendar, please visit our website www.saintmarks-stl.org and click on the calendar tab.

SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL



Please join us for an evening of music, food, and fun for the whole family to benefit Episcopal City Mission (ECM). ECM provides chaplains to children in the St. Louis City and County detention centers and Lakeside residential center. This year's event will take place on Friday, June 10, 2011 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 9 South Bompart, Webster Groves, MO. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. Ticket price includes dinner, beverages and great acts from the new "ECM Revue". You will be able to bid on fabulous auction items including an afternoon sailing trip to Carlyle Lake, Cardinal tickets, and many other fun and exciting things. There will be a children's area with face painting, games and more! For tickets, please call Episcopal City Mission at 314-436-3545.

Diocesan Youth News

To check on what is happening in the Diocesan Youth World go to diocesemo.org and click on the "Youth news" link on the front page to get info on "Happening", past projects and an upcoming Local Mission Trip.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Day of Pentecost, June 12, 2011

We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Remember to wear something red as a sign that we are all touched by the flames of the Spirit.

Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011

On this day we particularly celebrate our Christian understanding of God as Trinity.



Watch Us Grow!

Visit and enjoy the St. Mark's Children's Garden in the center of the Community Garden, and our sunflower/corn patch, along the alley. Any of the children would love to tell you about their garden.

