

# REMARKS

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## Congregational Meeting



St. Mark's Lutheran Church Annual October Congregation Meeting is October 10, 2010 following the 10 am service. The election of new Council members will be held at that time.



## Reformation Day

Reformation Sunday  
Oct. 31st



**CROP Walk**  
**Oct. 31st**  
**2:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars to join in the walk with your St. Mark's family! If you are interested in walking, please contact Karen Kasting at 704-375-9185.

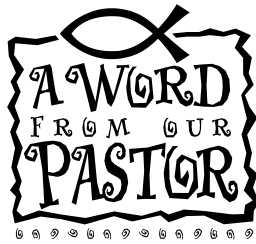


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“ GROWING DISCIPLES - MAKING CHRIST KNOWN ”

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



I have recently been pondering faith. What does faith *feel* like? What does it look like, taste like, sound like? What is the content of our faith? How do we nurture our faith? What helps it grow and develop? How do we express our faith? What do we do when we *lack* faith? When I was a kid, I remember going to see the play, “Peter Pan.” When Peter Pan’s sidekick, the light-fairy Tinkerbell, was extinguished, the whole audience began clapping, hoping that the claps would bring her back to life. Is *that* faith?

The author of Hebrews gives us a definition: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” *The assurance of things hoped for.* Faith is believing that the things for which we hope and yearn will one day (if not today!) become a reality. I’m not talking about a new car or a new job. I’m talking about the hope that arises out of despair. It’s the hope that things will be different than they are – the hope for love, forgiveness, inclusion, life. Faith is believing that these things are *real*, and not some theoretical ideal. It’s not false hope.

*The conviction of things not seen.* Faith is also being certain that there are things that are real (such as love, forgiveness, inclusion) that we may not always be able to see. Faith is knowing and believing that they’re there and, I think, actively looking for them in the world in which we live.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Thankfully, God nurtures our faith with gifts of the Church. In fact, Martin Luther said that even faith *itself* was a gift. And what *are* these gifts? Well, let’s start with the basics. The waters of baptism is a gift, as well as the simple bread and wine of communion. They are the assurance of the forgiveness for which we hope, and the certainty that one day (if not today!), this whole world will look different from the way it looks today – that one day, its despair, hopelessness, and death will be replaced with love, forgiveness, grace, inclusion, and life. The things hoped for will become a reality; the things not seen will become visible. Our sacraments remind us of this fact. In this sense, the most incredible expression of our faith becomes showing up on Sunday mornings or Thursday evenings (if you attend the Taizé service) to receive again and again these gifts, trusting that we will find God in, with, and through them.

But there’s more. God has given us additional gifts that nurture our faith. These gifts include our faith community and those items listed in a familiar prayer: ourselves, our time, and our possessions – “signs of your gracious love,” the prayer goes. Ourselves, our time, and our possessions are gifts that nurture our faith because they reveal God’s graciousness. But I’m also convinced that the way we *use* what God has given us nurtures our faith as well. The ability to loosen our grip on what we think belongs to us can work wonders for our faith. It opens our eyes to the work that God does in the world, and to the vision of love, forgiveness, inclusion, and life that God has for all of God’s children. It contributes to the “assurance of things hoped for” and “the conviction of things not seen” for people of this world who would otherwise only know despair.

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen,” Hebrews tells us. October is stewardship month and stewardship is a matter of faith. My prayer is that you may find yourself nurtured in faith this month and always.

# CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

## September 13, 2010 Meeting

- Pastor Carl Sachtleben, representing the NC Synod presented “Walking Together/Walking with Christ”. This is the NC Synods stewardship program for 2011.
- Church finances continue to run approximately as anticipated. All committees are reminded to carefully manage their budgets.
- Committees have submitted their 2011 draft budget. Based on these budget requests and a revised anticipated mortgage payment Council is developing the 2011 SMLC Mission Plan.
- Mr. Les Ackerman began serving as our new Director of Music and Church Organist. Welcome Les!
- The slate of Congregation Council Candidates was presented. They are Marty Schwartz, John Ramseur, Doug Milheim, Joel Ritchie, Marc Ginns, Vicki Holtz Longshaw, Linda Carter, Linda Daleure, Gretchen Dodge, Betsy Wenzel and John Mobley (Youth). Biographies of the candidates are included in this issue of ReMarks on pages 6-9.
- Related to our Youth Committee, council approved youth and parent covenants as well as the medication forms. Contact Dianne ([secretary@saintmarkselca.org](mailto:secretary@saintmarkselca.org)) for copies. Other pending policies are being considered by council.

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# CHURCH COUNCIL

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Got a suggestion? A question? A concern? If so, then contact one of your Church Council officers. They are individuals whom you elected to serve and lead. If you have something you wish to discuss then contact a Council member or the Pastor. Your current Council members, their email addresses and home phone numbers are:

<b>Pastor Peter Brown</b>	704-540-9151	<a href="mailto:peterbrown@saintmarkselca.org">peterbrown@saintmarkselca.org</a>
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<b>Barbara Baker (Treas.)</b>	704-540-0381	<a href="mailto:Barbara.J.Baker@Wellsfargo.com">Barbara.J.Baker@Wellsfargo.com</a>
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Matt Usinger	704-367-0813	<a href="mailto:mattusinger@yahoo.com">mattusinger@yahoo.com</a>

Committee	Council Liaison	Chair	Meeting Dates	Meeting Times	Chairperson's preferred e-mail address, or phone contact if known
Children's Ministry					
Christian Education	Marty Schwartz	Larry Dagenhart, Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	<a href="mailto:larrydagenhart@bellsouth.net">larrydagenhart@bellsouth.net</a> ; 704-643-2618
Congregational Life	Beth Canute	Margie Bell			<a href="mailto:margiebell@carolina.rr.com">margiebell@carolina.rr.com</a> ; 704-367-1938
Endowment		Tim Berly	QTRLY-TBD	TBD	<a href="mailto:tberly@carolina.rr.com">tberly@carolina.rr.com</a> ; 704-849-7886
Evangelism	Tom Sehorn	Lowell Engelhard	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	6:30 PM	<a href="mailto:l.sengelhard@yahoo.com">l.sengelhard@yahoo.com</a> ; 704-364-9257
Finance	Barbara Baker	Angela Micalizzi	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	<a href="mailto:Angela.Micalizzi@gmail.com">Angela.Micalizzi@gmail.com</a> ; 704-366-9298
Gifts & Memorials	Donn Toney	Marc Ginns	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:30 PM	<a href="mailto:marc.ginns@duke-energy.com">marc.ginns@duke-energy.com</a> ; 704-875-0961
Global Mission	Michael Doyme				<a href="mailto:mike@friday-doyne.com">mike@friday-doyne.com</a> ; 704-362-1367
Mutual Ministry (Brown)	Larry Lippert	N/A			<a href="mailto:lartlippert@aol.com">lartlippert@aol.com</a> ; 704-375-6857
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Property	Neil Dixon	John Graham	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	<a href="mailto:beetlesgray@bellsouth.net">beetlesgray@bellsouth.net</a> ; 704-364-6485
Social Ministry	Catherine Metzke	Susan League	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	<a href="mailto:Susan.league2@yahoo.com">Susan.league2@yahoo.com</a> ; 704-688-4163
Stewardship of Life	Rick Rehn	TBA	AS NEEDED		<a href="mailto:wrrahn@bellsouth.net">wrrahn@bellsouth.net</a> ; 704-543-4742
Worship & Music	Kevin Feezor	Joe Jakubek	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Following Service	<a href="mailto:jjakubek@aol.com">jjakubek@aol.com</a> ; 704-502-5418
Youth	Will Miles	Gretchen Payne	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	After Worship	<a href="mailto:gretchenp@bellsouth.net">gretchenp@bellsouth.net</a> ; 704-541-0607

## ***CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES***

### **Linda Carter**



Linda moved to Charlotte 11 years ago from the Philadelphia area to be near 3 grown children and 8 grandchildren – 1 family here in Charlotte. She found and joined St. Mark's within 3 months. While in Philadelphia and before that in the Chicago area, Linda wore a "volunteer hat", serving on numerous committees and boards, especially through her churches. In 1987 at the Philadelphia church, she organized a committee called "caregivers", serving the bereaved, ill, home-bound and nursing home residents using a network of approx. 100 church volunteers by providing meals, rides, visits and luncheons following funerals. She served 6 years on the church council and has sung in church choirs, including St. Mark's, since she was 14. At St. Mark's she has also been very involved with the Social Ministry committee, serving as chairperson for 3 years, liaison to Charlotte Emergency Housing, and writing the committee's bulletin and Remarks articles during the 10 years on the committee. The work of this committee is a passion she plans on continuing as well as singing in the choir. She is also interested in some of the duties performed by the Evangelism committee. She enjoys pet sitting, reading, golf, gardening, bird watching, and spending time with family and friends as much as possible.

### **Linda Daleure**



My husband Bill and I joined St. Marks in 1994. I began singing in the St. Marks Choir in 1995. As a trained Stephens Ministry Leader, I worked with 2 other Leaders to establish the first Stephen Ministry Program at St. Marks. For many years served on the Social Ministry Committee, Stewardship Committee, one of 3 Co-Chairs for the Advancing Christ Together campaign, as well as serving as a committee member on the last two Music Director Searches. I participated in the Sister's In Christ dinners, I am involved in Via de Cristo, and serve as a lecturer and prayer assistant. Active in St. Andrews Sunday School Class since joining St. Marks, teaching classes, serving as class leader and co-leader over the past years and presently a co-leader with husband Bill. After raising 4 children, managing a career in interior design and developing a wellness program for a large hospital, I now spend my time volunteering with many community Philanthropic groups including The Assistance League of Charlotte, The Opera Guild the Symphony Guild of Charlotte where I served as President, the Charlotte Symphony where I currently serve on the Board of Directors and was active in the recruitment and selection of the Executive Director and new Music Director/ Conductor of the Charlotte Symphony.

### **Gretchen Dodge**



I have been a member of St. Mark's five years. During that time, I have participated in the following classes and groups:  
Friendship Class, as an occasional teacher  
Christian Classic Book Club  
Vacation Bible School, three years as an assistant  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Pride and Joy, current secretary  
Love Circle  
My area of interest has always been Christian Education. At my former church homes in Nashville, Tennessee, I also served on the Church Archives Committee and in the Church Library.

## ***CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES***

### **Marc Ginns**



Lives in Huntersville with my Susan and daughters Ashley & Virginia

Member of St. Mark's since 1988

Current activities at St. Mark's: Chair – Gifts & Memorials Committee; Member of Living Faith SS Class; Sunday School teacher of Adult classes; Usher; Via De Christo volunteer; volunteer server for Men's Shelter

Past activities at St. Mark's: Gifts & Memorials Committee – member/secretary; St. Mark's Church Council; Living Faith Sunday School teacher/class president/teaching coordinator; Global Mission Committee - Council liaison/member; Associate Pastor Search Committee member; Spiritual Gifts Committee member; Nursery volunteer;

Via De Christo – weekend worker; Church Council Nominating Committee; Stewardship Campaign worker;

Pastimes: farming, boating, bible study, travel, beach, hiking; history; riflery

### **Vicki Holtz-Longshaw**



Personally, I received a 4-year Army ROTC scholarship and graduated from Marquette University with a degree in Criminology & Law / Pre-law. After spending four years in the military, I went on to receive a Dual Master's degree from Webster University in Management and Legal Studies. I currently live in southwest Charlotte with my husband of twelve years, Mike.

Professionally, I have made a career in protection. First, I protected the country as an active duty officer in the US Army (Military Police). Then, I protected a city as a St. Louis County Police Officer; followed by protecting corporations and employees around the world by writing threat assessments and designing security systems. Currently for Duke Energy, and for the past ten years, I've specialized in protecting individuals.

Faithfully, I have attended St. Mark's since the first week I arrived in Charlotte 6 ½ years ago. Or, I have faithfully attended St. Mark's for the past 6 ½ years. It was the only church I visited, and it immediately felt as if I belonged. I can be found many Sundays either making sure the church is ready for service and / or ushering. I believe we're living in an exciting, challenging, and dynamic period of Christianity. Even during the relatively short period in which I've been a member, I'm thrilled to see the average attendance appear to be consistently growing. With this growth will come inevitable change. It will be important that decisions are made with focus, reflection, and dedication to God's missions for us.

### **Doug Milheim**



Lifetime, baptized member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Married (36 years), two children, three grandchildren

Member of St. Andrew's Sunday School Class for 34 years

Current church service: Head usher, monthly communion set-up, dispatcher for Property Committee

Previous church service: Boy Scout Master, Boy Scout Troop Committee, Choir member, Church Council member, Property Committee Chair, Council Liaison for Family Life Committee and Property Committee, Tabulating Committee sub

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, playing guitar, U.S. history, family time (especially time spent with my three baby granddaughters!), serving our lord and savior as often and in any way I am able, travelling to the mountains.

Profession: Owner of Mastercraft Collision Repair

# ***CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES***

## **John Mobley, Youth Representative**



**St. Mark's membership:** Member since fall 2006 (confirmed at St Marks).

**St Mark's current activities:** High School Sunday school class, High School Youth group member, crucifer, co-planner / leader of High School and Middle School Youth groups' 2010 summer mission trip, various Youth groups' service projects.

**St. Mark's prior activities:** Middle and High School Sunday school class, Middle and High School Youth group member, crucifer, acolyte, Vacation Bible School volunteer, Youth groups mission trip participant the past four years, various Youth groups' service projects, Youth choir.

**Other activities:** IB student at East Mecklenburg High School (Junior year), East Mecklenburg marching band, East Mecklenburg rugby team, Life Scout in BSA Scouting, Senior Patrol Leader at BSA Troop 95, Loaves & Fishes food drive collection volunteer, various Boy Scouts related service projects.

**Future areas of interest:** Upon completion of high school, attend college and pursue a degree / career in the areas of math, physics or engineering. Join marching band while attending college. Achieve BSA Eagle Scout rank. Enjoys watching sports, playing rugby and camping.

## **John Ramseur**



John has been a member of St Mark's since 1978 (when he was a year old). He grew up attending Sunday School, had his first Communion, and was confirmed in the church. In 1994 he served as the Youth Member on the council and was the president of the youth group. John has served on the Stewardship committee and continues to serve on the Evangelism committee. John was a member of the NC Synod Youth Committee and led a Hand-in-Hand Teens Encounter Christ cursillo weekend in 1995. He is currently teaching the High School Sunday School class with Keller Schnier and Brandi Dotson. He also helps lead the Taize and Contemplative Prayer service on Thursday nights with Pastor Brown and Larry Lippert.

John is interested in serving the congregation to continue St Mark's tradition of Christian leadership in Charlotte, in the NC Synod and in the ELCA. John wants to promote outreach to the community through service and spreading God's word. This fulfills his belief that, as disciples we are called to make personal connections with others and grow the body of Christ. We can accomplish this by bringing them into the community of faith at St Mark's and sharing God's grace through Jesus Christ.

## **Joel F. Ritchie**



I have been attending St. Marks since my birth and was baptized in the "old" St. Marks located on Tryon Street. At age 15 while attending the St. Marks youth group I met my wife. We were married in St. Marks and have raised our two children in the church where our oldest daughter was married last year. I have served through the many years as a Sunday School Teacher, Youth Advisor, an usher for 30 years, served on the Christian Education Committee, Property Committee, Search Committee for a minister, Church Council three times, Vice President of Church Council and Treasurer of Church Council. St. Marks has been a focal point of our family over the years. I look forward to continuing that service by returning to Church Council.

For the past three years I have worked as an Area Superintendent with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools where I have supervised schools in the center city and currently in the Eastern part of the county. In the past 33 years I have also worked as an elementary teacher, Assistant Principal at the elementary and middle school level, Principal at the elementary, middle and high school level and led the reorganization of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in 2007.

I currently serve on the Charlotte Symphony Board of Directors, Assistance League Advisory Board and the Wingate University Advisory Board. I am very committed to service within the Charlotte community as well as St. Mark's Church.

## ***CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES***

### **William Martin Schwartz (Marty)**



**Member of Mark's since:** 1965

#### **Activities/Groups/Committees involved in at St. Mark's:**

**Presently:** Choir; Sunday School teacher; Congregation Council (since July 2010); Christian Education committee; New Life Sunday School class

**In the past:** Congregation Council 1995-97; Global Missions committee; Evangelism Technology subcommittee; participant in "Feed the Homeless at the Wall"; Worship and Music committee; Social Ministry

committee; Boy Scout Troop 24; Mission trips to El Salvador; New Member sponsor; Organist/Choir Director Search Committees

**Activities at other churches (past and present):** Cub Scout Pack 33

#### **Family members:**

**Spouse:** Dawn

**Children:** Avery and Sophie

**Occupation:** Information Technology Analyst / Consultant, Bank of America

**Other activities:** Assisting with Avery's Little League Baseball team

**Hobbies or special talents:** Music; computers; radio

### **Betsy Wenzel**



As a lifelong member, I was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. During my youth I was involved in Sunday school, youth choir, tour choir, hand bell choir, youth group, and VBS. In addition, I served as a youth representative on a call committee for organist/choir director.

I met my husband, Ron, when we were both active in the St. Mark's singles group. We married and are raising our four children here as well.

Ministries in which I have served in the past include VBS helper, youth advisor, Stewardship Committee, new member sponsor, bread ministry, member of Living Faith Sunday school class, member of Naomi Circle, Children's church leader, nursery team captain, and Sunday school teacher.

Currently, I serve in the nursery during Sunday school and church, as well as serving as a children's church leader. I remain an active member of the Naomi Circle.

Areas of future interest include both social ministry (especially family volunteer opportunities) and involvement with youth activities.

## ***ATTENTION ST. MARK'S YOUNG ADULTS!***



### **YOUNG ADULTS**

(That is, all you 20/30-somethings!)

**Join us this fall for the following exciting, upcoming events:**

**Sunday, September 26:** Apple and pumpkin picking after church at Carrigan Farms. Kids are welcome and we'll get lunch on the way.

**Saturday, October 23:** Hiking trip at South Mountain State Park. Departure time TBA.

**Saturday, October 30:** Halloween Potluck at the home of Margie and Alan Bell. Wear a costume if you choose!

**Sunday, October 31:** CROP Walk. Contact Keller Schnier to sign up or for more information (keller.schnier@gmail.com).

**Saturday, November 20:** Charlotte ReLeaf Project. Join other Charlotteans in planting 2000 trees along Little Sugar Creek. Time and meeting place TBA.

**Sunday, December 19:** Christmas Caroling after Church.

*PLUS...beginning Thursday, September 23...**Theology on Tap!** Meet after work for informal theological discussion. 5:30-7:00 PM. Thursdays. Dilworth Neighborhood Grille. 911 E. Morehead St.*

Contact Pastor Emily for more information or to RSVP to any of these events.



Apple Picking



Halloween Potluck



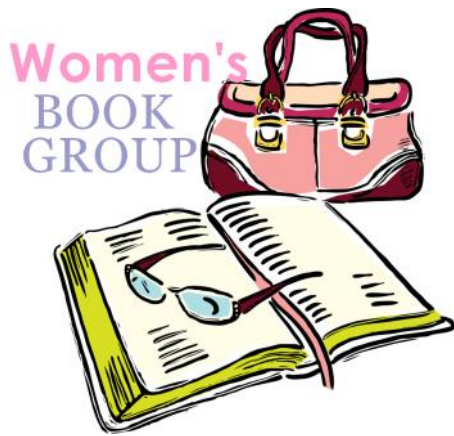
Pumpkin Picking



Christmas Caroling



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PASTOR EMILY!***



Attention St. Mark's women! Are you interested in reading contemporary novels through a lens of faith and spirituality? If so, join Pastor Emily for a women's book group! We will meet once a month, on Thursdays, at Amelie's French Bakery. Next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. "Same Kind of Different as Me," by Ron Hall and Denver Moore will be the title of the book we are discussing.

Women of all ages are welcome!

Pastor Emily is teaching an adult catechism class on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM. Topics include the Bible's key themes and teaching such as the Holy Trinity, sin and grace, the Church, worship, and the sacraments. All are welcome!



### **Catechism**



## **PRIDE & JOY**

Dear Pride & Joy Member,



Our **FIRST** meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, October 6th at 10:15 AM**. Join in the fun for our first meeting this Fall.

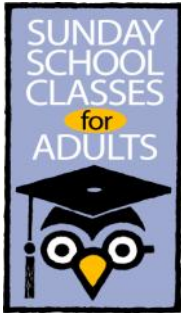
Our program this month will feature a very special speaker who we all know so well, our own **ROBIN DOMIER**, who will delight us as she cooks up a favorite recipe for us to savor and enjoy. Also, just a reminder that reservations are required (704)362-1093, and the cost for lunch is \$6.00.

**You won't want to miss this!**

See you there!

**Helen Howard**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Classes begin at  
8:45 a.m.  
Grab a cup of coffee  
and join the  
conversation!**

### **Agape Class**

**Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

Large Conference Room

Come join this class as they study the book of Psalms

### **Numbers**

**Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

Room 215

Join Anne Crotty and the Friendship class as they explore the book of Numbers and seeking God in your wilderness.

### **Prodigal God**

**Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

Room 218

Join Bill Daleure and the St. Andrews/Living Faith classes as they discuss this book by Timothy Keller.

### **“O God Our Help in Ages Past— Walking in the Valley of the Shadow”**

**Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24**

Sanctuary

Join Pastor Peter as he examines funeral traditions, the ELW liturgy, theology of death and dying, and you will have an opportunity to plan your funeral.

### **Discovery Faith**

**Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24**

Room 210

Join Larry Dagenhart, Jr. and the New Life class as they discuss faith matters in your daily life.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES



### Upcoming Events:

Oct. 2-3

Mission Trip  
Event at  
Faith Lutheran  
Pickens, SC

Oct. 28

Movie Lock-in  
in Youth Room

Oct. 31

CROP Walk



Saint Mark's is once again in need of Prayer Assistants for our Sunday services. We welcome and encourage all who are interested to contact Bill Schwartz at (704) 366-7143.

Thank You!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Oct. 10  
11:30 am**

**Join us for  
a day at  
Rural Hill  
Farm in**

**Huntersville! Tickets are \$10 for  
adults and \$7 per child.**

**Bring your lunch to eat in the  
Fellowship Hall before we go!**



**FRIDAY'S AT 7:00 AM**

**AT SHOWMAR'S ON  
7TH & PECAN  
JOIN IN THE FUN!!**



**Sunday Worship at  
5:00 PM  
in the Chapel.  
With Pastor  
Matthias Bechert**

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

**St. Mark's Financial Status as of  
August 31st, 2010**

### In Support of Our 2010 Ministries/Budget

August YTD Budget	August YTD Actual	Over / (Under) August YTD Receipts
\$450,424	429,046\$	(\$21,378)

The Finance Committee monitors the monthly financial reports, watching for trends that need to be addressed. Please feel free to approach any member of Council or the Finance Committee if you have any questions regarding the Church's Finances. All requests for reimbursements and authorizations for the payment of invoices must be approved by the Committee Chairperson or the Committee's Council Liaison. *Reimbursement for purchases will not be processed without the proper approval.* Thank you for being good stewards of our resources!



We celebrate with the following disciples of St. Mark's as they remember their baptism this month:

Ruthanne Miller	Oct. 2
Gail Robinson	Oct. 4
Sarah Ingle	Oct. 7
Mary Roof Bowman	Oct. 8
Chris Roberts	Oct. 9
Flora Chance	Oct. 9
Elizabeth Yount	Oct. 11
Hannah Douglass	Oct. 13
Trey Cox	Oct. 15
John Covington	Oct. 16
John Simon, Jr.	Oct. 16
Robbie Bishop	Oct. 19
Dale Hopp	Oct. 22
Evan Estramonte	Oct. 25
Kevin Feezor	Oct. 25
Janice Miller	Oct. 26

**COME JOIN US FOR OUR FALL MUSIC CONCERT!**

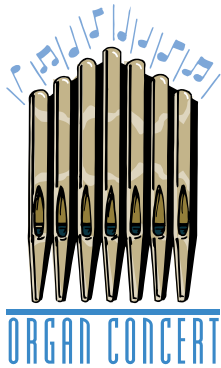


**Music At Saint Mark's**

***SOUND THE TRUMPETS!***

**Festival of Music for Organ and Trumpets**

Sunday, October 10, 2010 4:00 p.m.  
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church  
Charlotte, North Carolina

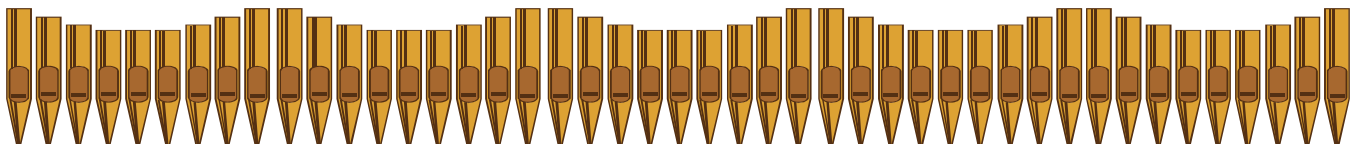


Rich Harris & Karen Bliznik, Charlotte Symphony  
Trumpeters  
Lester Ackerman, Organist  
Jenny Chen, Soprano

Music selections to include:

Concerto in C for Trumpets – Antonio Vivaldi  
Sonata in D for Trumpets – Petronio Franceschini

With additional compositions by Handel, Martini, Bach, Cooke  
and Scarlatti





*"A Friend loves  
AT ALL TIMES."*  
**Stephen Ministry**  
Is Here For You



*To love is to listen!*

### **What is Stephen Ministry?**

**One-to-One Ministry by Trained, Caring Lay Ministers who have responded to Christ's call to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
Gal. 6.2**

### **What is a Stephen Minister?**

A Stephen Minister is...  
a child of God who walks beside a hurting person  
a caring Christian friend who really listens  
a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively  
Christian care

A Stephen Minister is **NOT**  
a counselor or therapist  
a problem solver  
a casual visitor

### **How Can You Be Involved?**

Do you have the gift of mercy, encouragement, or intercession?  
Pray for our Stephen Ministers  
Help us stay sensitive to those who need caring support  
Help make others aware of the support system that is available  
Consider God's direction as to whether you should become a Stephen Minister






### **Want to know more?**

Contact one of the following:  
Pastor Emily Hartner at 704-375-9185  
Pastor Peter Brown at 704-375-9185  
Sarah Ingle, Stephen Leader at 704-529-6656  
Any Stephen Minister



**Stephen Ministers**

# OCTOBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Men's Breakfast Group <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 7:00 AM Showmars, 7th & Pecan 7:00 PM AA Meeting	2   <b>8:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery</b>
3 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b>  8:45 AM— <b>Sunday School</b>  5:00 PM—German Worship Service	4 Exec. Council Mtg. 6:15 PM   7:00 PM <b>Crystal Clear Recovery</b> 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	5    7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	6 <b>Bible Study</b> 11-12:00 PM  <b>PRIDE &amp; JOY</b> 10:15 AM  <b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b> 7:30 PM	7 <b>Taize`</b> 6:30PM Chapel    8:00 PM <b>Alanon Mtg</b>	8 Men's Breakfast Group <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 7:00 AM Showmars, 7th & Pecan 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	9   <b>8:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery</b>
10 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 8:45 AM— <b>Sunday School</b> <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> 8-12:30 PM <b>Fellowship Hall</b>  5:00 PM—German Worship Service	11 Church Council Mtg. 7:00 PM   <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>  7:00 PM <b>Crystal Clear Recovery</b> 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	12 <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 6:30-9:00PM</b>   <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CHARLOTTE</b> 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	13 <b>Bible Study</b> 11-12:00 PM  <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b> Begins 5:00-7:00 PM  <b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b> 7:30 PM	14 <b>Taize`</b> 6:30 PM Chapel    8:00 PM <b>Alanon Mtg</b>	15 Men's Breakfast Group <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 7:00am Showmars, 7th & Pecan 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	16 <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 9-12:00PM</b>   <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CHARLOTTE</b> <b>8:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery</b>
17 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b>  8:45 AM— <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Baptism</b>  5:00 PM—German Worship Service	18    7:00 PM <b>Crystal Clear Recovery</b> 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	19 <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 6:30-9:00PM</b>   <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CHARLOTTE</b> 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	20 <b>Bible Study</b> 11-12:00 PM  <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b> 5:00-7:00 PM  <b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b> 7:30 PM	21 <b>Taize`</b> 6:30 PM Chapel    8:00 PM <b>Alanon Mtg</b>	22 Men's Breakfast Group <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 7:00am Showmars, 7th & Pecan 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	23   <b>8:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery</b>
24 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b>  8:45 AM— <b>Sunday School</b>  5:00 PM—German Worship Service	25    7:00 PM <b>Crystal Clear Recovery</b> 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	26 <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 6:30-9:00PM</b>   <b>RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CHARLOTTE</b> 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	27 <b>Bible Study</b> 11-12:00  <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b> 5:00-7:00 PM  <b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b> 7:30 PM	28 <b>Taize`</b> 6:30 PM Chapel    8:00 PM <b>Alanon Mtg</b>	29 Men's Breakfast Group <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 7:00am Showmars, 7th & Pecan 7:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	30   <b>8:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery</b>
31 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 8:45 AM— <b>Sunday School</b> <b>CROP WALK REFORMATION DAY</b> 5:00 PM—German Worship Service						



**OCTOBER SERVICE BLOCKS** ST. MARK'S MEMBERS SERVING THIS MONTH

**USHERS: 10:00 a.m.**

**USHERS: October 3rd, 10th & 17th:**  
Alan Harms, Fay & Richard Fisher, Karen  
Covington, Sue Schwartz, Gina Wilson

**USHERS: October 24th & 31st:**  
Tom Sehorn, Benny Cox, Tim Berly, Bill Usinger,  
Wayne Hallman, Matt Hurley

**ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS:**

Oct. 3rd: C: Matt Usinger, A: Charles Timm  
Oct. 10th: C: Chris Lambert, A: Andrew Dixon,  
Garlan Miles  
Oct. 17th: C: Michael Zimmerman, A: Micalyne  
Zimmerman, Emily Lower

**ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS CON'T:**

October 24th: C: Natalie Howarth, A: Nick  
Howarth, Inti Alvarez-Trott  
October 31st: C: John Mobley, A: Tyler Andujar,  
Dominic Andujar, T: CJ Miles, Kat Miles,  
B: Clayton Wall

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Oct. 3rd: Ron & Betsy Wenzel  
Oct. 10th: Karen Kasting  
Oct. 17th: Karen Kasting  
Oct. 24th: Gennie & Chris Stevenson  
Oct. 31st: Shelley Mobley

**GREETERS:**

Oct. 3rd: Dale & Mary Lou Hopp, Harry & Betty  
Kendrick, J.B. & Mary Lou Kiser  
Oct. 10th: Tat Kleckley, Shirley Larson, Maxine  
McKeen  
Oct. 17th: Jim & Catherine Metze, Thelma Anders,  
Michelle & Peter Mullen

**GREETERS CON'T:**

Oct. 24th: Carlene & Joe Schock, Sue Schwartz,  
David & Janice Simpson  
Oct. 31st: Nanette Temple, Frances Torgerson,  
Jason & Celeste White

**LECTORS:**

Oct. 3rd: Virginia Stackel  
Oct. 10th: Karen Feezor  
Oct. 17th: Eric Timm  
Oct. 24th: Lowell Engelhard  
Oct. 31st: Marty Schwartz

**TABULATORS:**

October 3rd & 10th: Rochelle Dagenhart, Lois &  
Larry Witham, Janice Miller  
October 17th, 24th & 31st: Greg Canute, Nancy &  
David Kutcher, Steve McCall

**PRAYER ASSISTANTS:**

Oct. 3rd: Larry Dagenhart  
Oct. 10th: Anne Crotty  
Oct. 17th: Rick Rehn  
Oct. 24th: John Ramseur  
Oct. 31st: Karen Kasting

**SOUND SYSTEM:**

Oct. 3rd: John Ramseur  
Oct. 10th: Kevin Feezor  
Oct. 17th: Pam/James Stephens  
Oct. 24th: Tom Sehorn  
Oct. 31st: Alan Harms

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**

Oct. 3rd:  
Oct. 10th:  
Oct. 17th: N/A

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS CON'T:**

Oct. 24th:  
Oct. 31st: N/A

## MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS

There are many ways to offer gifts in memory of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are now part of the Church triumphant, and in honor of those for whose lives with us now we are grateful. Following is a list of such gifts received as of September 23, 2010.

<b><u>In Memory of Ruby Dixon (Grandmother of Neil Dixon)</u></b>	<b>Fund Designation</b>
Joyce Campbell	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Donn & Dottie Toney	Debt Reduction Appeal
<b><u>In Memory of Stuart Hathaway Dixon</u></b>	
Kenny & Caroline Herbst	Children's Ministry
<b><u>In Memory of Donald Droege</u></b>	
Tat Kleckley	Debt Reduction Appeal
Anne McKee Rex	Gifts & Memorials Fund
<b><u>In Memory of Eddie Goodall's Father</u></b>	
Evelyn Gerdes	Local Social Ministry
<b><u>In Memory of Donald Lewis Kiser (J.B. Kiser's brother)</u></b>	
Evelyn Gerdes	Local Social Ministry
Men's Breakfast Club	Debt Reduction Appeal
Donn & Dottie Toney	Debt Reduction Appeal
<b><u>In Memory of Tolly Kleckley</u></b>	
Mr. & Mrs. James East	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Allen & Carolyn Fry	Gifts & Memorials Fund
<b><u>In Memory of Barbara Mae Lambert (Mother of Tom Lambert)</u></b>	
Donn & Dottie Toney	Debt Reduction Appeal
<b><u>In Memory of Dan Parrish (Fay Fisher's Son)</u></b>	
Karen & John Covington	Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Nancy & David Kutscher	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Maurice & Paula Rapp	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Lois & Larry Witham	Debt Reduction Appeal
<b><u>In Memory of Martha Russell</u></b>	
Elma & Jean Beatty	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Robbie Bishop	Debt Reduction Appeal
Karen & John Covington	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Mike & Astrid Doyne	Worship & Music Fund
David & Cathy Goodson	Debt Reduction Appeal
Bob & Dorothy Green	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Tat Kleckley	Debt Reduction Appeal
Maxine McKeen	Prayer Garden
Essie Spencer	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Kathleen Talbert	Gifts & Memorials Fund
Sam & Nanette Temple	Music Fund
Lois & Larry Witham	Debt Reduction Appeal

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### In Honor of Clyde & Dene Shockley's 68th Wedding Anniversary

The Conners

Elizabeth Gordy

John & Marilyn Graham

Gifts & Memorials Fund

Gifts & Memorials Fund

Worship & Music Fund

### In Honor of Quenton James White

The Wyatt Family

Youth Ministries



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## SEPTEMBER REMARKS

The deadline for the November  
ReMarks is noon on October 13th.  
Pictures, articles, and suggestions are  
**WELCOME!** Please submit to  
[secretary@saintmarkselca.org](mailto:secretary@saintmarkselca.org)