

THE LION'S TALE

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ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM THE BISHOP SEARCH TEAM

A satisfactory number of diverse candidates have applied and interviews are beginning.

We've secured the location for the ordination and consecration of our next bishop. We've gotten the date locked down on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's calendar. Locations are set for meet-and-greet sessions with the bishop candidates.

These are just a few significant accomplishments by the two committees charged with recruiting candidates for and organizing the transition to the new shepherd of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.

A website about the bishop search is available. Check it out at diocesemo.org/bishop-search. It includes a timeline, the diocesan profile and more.

~Information provided by the Diocese of Missouri



OPENING DAY! Sunday, September 8th



We will have Opening Day festivities following the 10:00 am worship service.

The choir will return and we will begin our new program year. We will have church school registration and festivities including food and drink.

Sign up sheets will be posted soon and watch for more details coming soon in the weekly "Markings", bulletins and in the September issue of **The Lion's Tale**.



It's summer

It's August

This lion's tale the

Rector is re-creating!



WHAT'S COMING UP?

TUESDAYS 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall - Al Anon Group

WEDNESDAYS 8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall - AA Group

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH 6:30 p.m. Sing a Long in Parish Hall (see below)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH 10:30 A.M. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD 4:00 P.M. Hall Rental Setup

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH All Day Hall Rental



Mark your Calendars for a "Sing A Long" Sunday August 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Or just come to listen as a fun, parish event in the parish hall. Ice cream will be served.

ART IN THE PARK SEPTEMBER 29TH 10:00 am- 5:00 pm

St Mark's is having a tent at this wonderful neighborhood event, sponsored by the St Louis Hills Neighborhood Association in Francis Park. Sign up sheet for volunteers will be on the bulletin board in the parish hall or call or email the office. You'll meet lots of people you know, get to share the good news of St. Mark's with people you don't know and you get to listen to the music.

For more info on Art in the Park go to:

<http://www.artintheparkstl.com>



CHOIR CALL

The choir will begin its weekly rehearsals on Thursday, August 29, and sing for the first time this season on Opening Day, September 8. I'd like to invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. If you're a long-time choir member, past choir member, or new to the choir, please consider participating in this very important ministry. We work hard, have lots of fun, and, most importantly, enjoy making music together. All are welcome!

Barbara Raedeke

KIDS 3-8 YEARS OLD!

COME ABOARD THE STEWARD SHIP
Explore the themes: *God Gives Us Blessings, We Thank God, God Gives Us a Job to Do, Giving is Serving the Lord.*

PLUS: Games, Painting, Clay, Costumes, Scavenger Hunt, Surprises, Fun in the Community Garden & More!

**Every Sunday until September 1
9:30 - 10:30 A.M.**



We encourage members to wear name tags at coffee hour-- they are great for those of us who recognize faces, but forget names, plus they invite conversation and encourage visitors to engage with us.

Name tags are kept on the bulletin board in the parish hall--leave it clipped on the board when you leave so it'll be there each week.

Is your name tag lost? Or are you new to St. Mark's and never got one? There is a sign up sheet by the name tags for anyone needing a new tag. There are also blank name tags available for guests.

In John 10:3, Jesus describes the Good Shepherd as one who "calls his own sheep by name," so let's think of name tags as a kind of ministry we can all participate in.

FROM YOUR DEACON . . .

In mid-July, it was reported that the U.S. government proposed that NO refugees be allowed resettlement in fiscal year 2020. Together with attempts to bar access to asylum, this action would essentially result in a total refugee ban despite the existence of 25 million refugees worldwide needing safety and 1.4 million in need of resettlement. For nearly 40 years, the U.S. was able to welcome both refugees and process large numbers asylum seekers. In 1980, at the height of the Salvadoran and Guatemalan humanitarian crises, the U.S. welcomed 208,220 refugees and asylees. Throughout the 1980's, we welcomed an average of 102,017 per year. By 2018, this number had been forced down to 36,691, and 2019 is projected to be even lower. These are not just numbers – these are human lives.

There are nearly 40,000 refugees already approved and at various stages in the resettlement process. To reject them, after they have already waited for years to be resettled would be nothing less than a betrayal in violation of our values and humanitarian obligations. As I preached a couple of Sundays ago, the prophecy of Amos to the powers that be makes it clear to me that God has no concern with national borders. God demands righteousness and justice across all God's creation.

When I read this report of the government's intentions, I felt that I had to do something. First, I went to a training session at Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates, 2725 Clifton Ave., where I learned much about the history of our immigration legislation and practices. They also provided a listing of other resources to enhance my education. Then, I went to the web-site of the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations. There, I not only found much more information, but I found a template of a letter that could be used to urge legislators to "do all that you can to ensure the U.S. maintains its tradition as a global leader in resettlement and humanitarian protection by opposing these steep cuts to resettlement and efforts to rollback asylum protections." All I had to do was put in my name, address, e-mail, and phone number. The web-site then identified my legislators and sent the e-mail directly to them.

The Episcopal Church, through Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), has for two decades partnered with the U.S. government to resettle refugees. EMM and its various partners ensure that resettled refugees receive critical resources to start a new life: a furnished apartment, language training, employment training, cultural orientation, medical services and more. We have seen that refugees with this assistance can become vibrant contributors who enhance our communities and local economies.

Look for more to come addressing this critical refugee and resettlement issue this fall at St. Mark's.

In Christ,
Deacon Jerre

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS

Join the Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Board and participate in Feed My Starving Children's St. Louis MobilePack event:

- Saturday August 17, 2019
- Queeny Park - Greensfelder Recreation Complex Weidman Rd, Ballwin, MO
- Register online (also to get more information) go to pack food at Feed the Need STL: give.fmssc.org/feedtheneedstl
- Shift Hours: 9-11 am, 11:30-1:30 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm, 4:30-7:00 pm

Note from Susan: I'm planning on signing up for the 2:30 to 4:30 spot on Saturday. If anyone wants to join me, let me know and I will register us as a group.

ECW POOLSIDE SOCIAL

All women are welcome to attend the next gathering of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Women chapter at the home of Amanda Cashen (5949 Highfield Road 63109), on Sunday August 18th from 3-5 pm. We'll enjoy fellowship in and around the pool. Please rsvp to cashenamanda@yahoo.com.

180th Diocesan Convention

The 180th meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri will be held on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23, 2019, at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri at which the next Bishop of Missouri will be elected.

Also at the convention clergy and lay members will be elected to various governing bodies. You can go to <https://www.diocesemo.org/about/governanc/diocesan-convention/180th-diocesan-convention-2019> for more information or see the flyer on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

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



A NEW DIAPER CHANGING STATION

is now located just inside the entrance to the parish hall. Wipes and disposal bags are provided. Thank you to Kathy and Roy Watts for coordinating this project.

VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday August 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Proehl Conference Room.

T-SHIRTS - For those interested in ordering new St. Mark's logo T-Shirts (available in two different fabric choices) please contact Karen Watts by August 4th at 314/313-3212 or karenjwatts@sbcglobal.net.



JOIN the Alpine Rail Travel Club in the FALL

THUR EVE SEPT 12

Music at the Market **TRAIN Trip** to Washington MO From Kirkwood (Walking MAP – Restaurant Guide) FREE Concert – The Garden Party Band, Food Available

SAT SEPT 21

Walking **Architectural Tour** of Downtown Saint Louis 9 am to 3 pm Departs from Shrewsbury Metro Link Wonderful Buildings, Hotels, Gardens & Sculptures

FALL WEEKEND IN KANSAS CITY (Reserve Now)

FRI OCT 18 SAT OCT 19 SUN OCT 20
Jazz Clubs, Museums, Shopping & great Restaurants!
2 Nights at the WESTIN Hotel with Breakfast
FREE Westin Shuttles until 10 pm
FREE KC Electric Street Car until 2 am

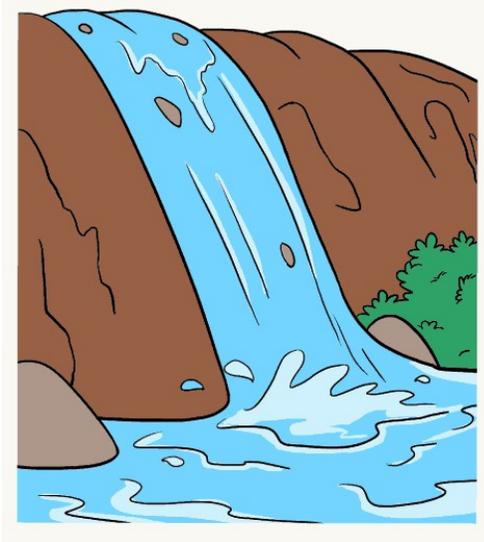
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COFFEE HOUR IN PARISH HALL

Coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service. There is a new sign up sheet in the parish hall for those who would like to host.





Water the Gift of Life

I ask your prayers for those who are Homeless & Hungry this Evening.

Most Saturdays Saint Mark's has a presence at **Miss Carol's Breakfast** for the Homeless in downtown Saint Louis at Christ Church. We are four weeks in now donating hundreds of small bottles of "chilled" water donated on a weekly basis from the people of Saint Mark's. Typically the Breakfast serves 100 – 150 guests on Saturday mornings. Especially in the hot summer months the guests are provided with bottles of water when they exit the breakfast. They carry the

chilled bottles of water, sometimes holding the cold bottle up to their face for some relief from the heat they are about to encounter during the balance of the day.

We are able to keep the bottles of water cold in our coolers by freezing some of the bottles which act like ice cubes. The guests will sometimes ask for these frozen bottles so that they can have chilled water later in the afternoon.

We learn that Water is the Gift of Life. This is true in Baptism and in our Daily lives. We need water to survive (as well as food). The Breakfast and the Water provide a respite, a place to relax, out of the weather and enjoy the company of friends (and good restrooms) for about an hour. Jesus asked can you not spend just one hour with me in the garden? This also applies to our Guests at Miss Carol's Breakfast on a weekly basis.

Dr. Martin Luther King told us (from scripture) Justice will roll down like Water from the Mountains to the Lakes & Streams and to the Sea. This is a powerful metaphor about water and justice that these gracious guests of Miss Carol's Breakfast are striving for every day, every week and every year.

Providing hospitality to others in need is an important component of our outreach to the community. Yes, neighbors in great need. Thank you for providing the Water of Life to these Neighbors. – *Chuck Doyle*



FEED MY PEOPLE

Just a reminder that during the summer many families experience the extra responsibility of feeding their children when during the school year they are receiving 1 or 2 meals a day at school. Also, the Meal A Month menus are suggestions only and all food donations are welcome.

GRUB AND GROOVE SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH 2:00 - 9:30 PM IN FRANCIS PARK

Grub & Groove is a free annual event in Francis Park celebrating its eighth year! The event showcases food and drink from exceptional local restaurants and live music from some of St. Louis' finest musicians. While Grub & Groove is a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and friends, any proceeds from the event are used to improve Francis Park and the surrounding neighborhood.

IF YOU WOULD like to receive the weekly "MARKINGS" by email, send your email address to the church office. And don't forget you can follow on Facebook or visit our webpage at www.saintmarks-stl.org



IT'S HOT OUT THERE!

Consider a donation to the Saint Mark's **Chilled Bottle Water Ministry**. Please make checks payable to the "Rector's Discretionary Fund" (memo line – Water Ministry). Cash Donations are also accepted. Benefits the Miss Carol's Homeless Breakfast at Christ Church Cathedral. Our cost to purchase water is \$8 per case of 80 Bottles. The breakfast serves 100+Men, Women & Children each week.

A LA CARTE YOUTH HUNGER PROJECT

A la carte benefits: Feed My People, Miss Carol's Breakfast, Doorways Kitchen
Accepting Donations of Summer Friendly Foods



Cold Breakfast Cereal and Breakfast Bars
Canned Fruit, Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly
Beef Stew - Bulk or Single Can Donations

??? Contact Chuck Doyle 314.345.0298 or Email cjdoyle9051@gmail.com

SCHNUCKS E SCRIP CARDS are available in the parish hall. Registration can be done online or by phone. When you shop at Schnucks a percentage of the amount that you spend is donated to St. Mark's. Thank you St. Markans for using your cards.



BYOBee is a Trivia fundraiser to benefit DOORWAYS.

Saturday, September 14, 2019.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Trivia kicks off at 6:30 pm
Glazier's Union Hall, 5916 Wilson Avenue (I-44 & Hampton Avenue),
St. Louis, MO 63110



With 8 rounds of novelty jargon and themed vocabulary, test your knowledge of trivia and some spelling as you support sustainable housing for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

BYOBee is sponsored by DOORWAYS Friends In Deed.

You won't Beelieve the fun you'll have!

For more info or to get tickets go to: <https://byobee2019.splashthat.com/>

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**SUNDAY
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3 - 5 PM**

Sunset Lanes

7777 Watson Road

\$20 per person

6 bowlers per lane

**Price includes unlimited bowling
fun, shoe rental, and \$5 gift
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**Proceeds benefit St. Mark's
community outreach programs**

**To reserve a lane or for more info,
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