



Special Edition Newsletter

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Divine Challenges

When newcomers and long time members are asked what do you love about St. Mark's, they invariably answer, "The people. This church has welcoming people, people who accept me wherever I am in my faith journey and however I define my family, old, young, single, married, kids, no kids. I come here and I am welcomed home."

Apparently, God is pleased with our hospitality. He is prospering our mission. Our reputation for graciousness and encouragement is growing weekly. More and more people find their way to us. As we continue to make connections with one another, our faith is growing deeper. As our faith deepens, we seek more opportunities to study, serve and gather. This means both our numbers and programs are expanding. While our energy and enthusiasm matches our increasing membership and broader expectations, our facilities do not.

We have outgrown our beautiful chapel and our multipurpose parish hall and kitchen. We can no longer meet as the body we love. We have run out of classroom space, meeting space, and fellowship space. The size and configuration of our buildings are keeping us from being the parish we want to be and the church God means for us to become.

Human Solutions

Dedicated folk with a love for our people and mission studied, consulted and provided funds for the creation of a master plan. The resulting proposal addresses our needs today and prepares us for the work God will send in the future. The plan's first phase brings us back worshipping as one body and provides space for fellowship and study. We will build a new Parish Hall/Worship Space and convert

Osborne Hall to a Youth Center. To get this building on the ground and the older space free for new use, we begin a capital campaign. When the pledges are collected, we will stake the ground and begin the second 125 years of St. Mark's spirit led mission.

Godly Responses

God has blessed St. Mark's with a rich heritage. Our founders planted the church on expansive and beautiful grounds. Through the years, families with vision and energy sustained the church's mission to "build community and live the way of Christ." Now is our time to respond to God's call to our future.

Several teams will be formed to spread the word about our plans and show people how they can respond. The teams' work is broken down to small specific tasks so no one is asked to do too much. You will be trained and well prepared for your task. No one will be expected to ask for money or pledges. This campaign centers on our common prayer life and responding to where God is leading us.

Ways to say "Yes!"

As a member of the **Information Team**, you might be asked to call a number of your parish friends to let them know a packet with materials about our new project is available for pick up at the church. You might be asked to make another set of calls to invite parish members to home meetings. Later you might help distribute packet materials on our designated Sunday in late July or early August.

As a member of the **Hospitality Team**, you could be asked to help plan our All Church Event where every member of our parish family will be invited to celebrate what we have accomplished through our prayer, study, fellowship and reflection during the campaign. Invitations will be sent, calls made, fun and worship planned. The All Church Event and Special Worship Service are set for September 21st and 22nd.

Other opportunities for your "Yes" include the Communication Team, the Prayer Team, the B.R.I.D.G.E. or "What comes next" Team. A list of our campaign leaders appears below. They'd be delighted to hear from you and happy to provide you more details. Please hold them in your prayers.

Campaign Leadership

Program: Tricia Stephens Alan Kathman	B.R.I.D.G.E.: Mike Tinsley Brett Rhinehardt	Advance Commitment: Philip Lloyd Tracey Tinsley	Student Activity: Amy Sparks
Involvement: Annemarie Lafreniere	Information: Steve Wright Willard Osburn Fiona Brown Debbie Siegel	Prayer: Allison Rhinehardt Hartley LaDuke Mary Lou Haraburd	Children's Activity: Julie Haas
Donors: Martin Osborne Donna Osborne David Fahey	Administration: Jill Lutz Betsy Lloyd	Response: Kerri Gambill Brent Sparks	Hospitality: Richard Wisner
Visual Communication: Molly Thompson, Suzanne Ferguson, Roger Benskin, Scott Hundertmark			
Print Communication: Lesli Kathman Denise Reis			

Response Tab

A member of one of the teams may call for your help. When you receive the call, please say, "Yes! You may also offer your immediate "Yes" by filling out this form and mailing it to the church office or by returning it in the gifts and collection on Sunday. You will receive a call from the team you designate.

_____ I am happy to help. Please have someone call me with more details.
 _____ I am eager to help. Please put me where I am most needed.
 _____ I am set to help. Please assign me to the following team:
 _____ Information Team
 _____ Hospitality Team

With God's power working in us, God can do much, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

NAME _____
 PHONE _____ or E-MAIL _____
 BEST TIME TO REACH ME _____

Say "Yes" to God's call. Say "Yes" to St. Mark's future.