

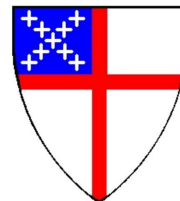


# Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

Joann Ellis, Editor

September, 2010



## Christian Formation

‘Christian Formation?’ What in the world is *that*? It sounds like a marching or battle strategy, doesn’t? Actually, it’s the current phrase being used in place of ‘Christian education’ – an acknowledgment that we need a phrase which refers to people of all ages. When we hear ‘Christian Education,’ we tend to think of ‘Sunday School,’ a group of children being taught by a loving and capable adult on Sunday morning before communion. ‘Christian formation’ is supposed to help us reflect on how we all need on-going help in our growth as followers of Christ – from cradle to grave!

What has helped you to deepen as a follower and lover of Jesus? Does a particular person or event come to mind? What would help you in the future? --a Bible Study? --help with a new prayer discipline? --reflecting on the issues that come up in daily life?

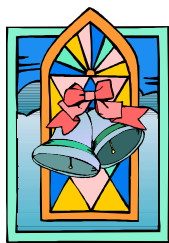
On Sunday mornings, we gather to receive the strength and consolation which comes with being together and taking communion; but, the exercise of being a Christian actually takes place from Monday through Saturday. The ways we think and pray and act during the week shows our true priorities, solidifies our ‘formation’ as Christians. Perhaps a ‘marching or battle strategy’ isn’t so far off the mark!

Mary+



## IMPORTANT Up-Coming Dates

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School begins! Come one, come all!



Sunday, September, 12<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Jerry and Marie Frank’s 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. All are invited to a luncheon at The Veteran’s Center from noon to 3:30 p.m. Marie and Jerry request that we RSVP at 885-9274 and no gifts, please!



Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of The Animals and Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Mark your calendars!



**Secret Sisters** ~ To My Secret Sister - thank you for all the lovely gifts you have given me - I've enjoyed each and everyone of them. Sincerely, Sue Hilbert  
I too would like to thank my secret sister for the Culvers card, that is about the best. Vanda Weigert.



**POP TOPS** ~ I would like to thank all the people that are saving the pop-tops (tabs) for me. The pop-tops go to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital in the Twin Cities and are used for prosthesis. Many, many, thanks. Vanda

**"Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures" ~**



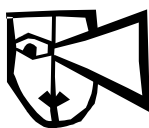
I just returned from a marvelous visit to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Science Museum of Minnesota. They will be there until Oct. 24th. I am sending the information for viewing if anyone in the parish is interested.  
**It would be a great short trip for the fall.** Viewing takes about 2 hrs.  
Courtesy École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem

Stay Cool, Kathy Wiegert

Dead Sea Scrolls ~ Science Museum of MN - Kellogg Ave. St. Paul, MN  
**THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS - WORDS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.**  
Tickets are timed and dated. Advanced reservations are highly recommended.  
Go to [www.smm.org](http://www.smm.org) or call: (651) 221-9444 to purchase tickets.  
"It's a story that's beyond words, beyond time and beyond our imaginations-"



**New Carpet** ~ Isn't it beautiful? Many thanks to all the wonderful folks who toiled, sweated, used brawn and brains to move and re-move all the furnishings of the church for our carpet to be laid.



**STILL LOOKING FOR - TWO CHURCH SCHOOL MANUALS:**

- 1 – A packet of pictures called Bible Teaching Pictures: The Birth, Boyhood, and Early Ministry of Jesus (David C. Cook Publishing Co.)
- 2 – A packet of felt board figures called Ministry of Jesus - B (Pict-O-Graph by Standard Publishing Co.)



**Brat Stand Date:** The good news from our Aug 14th Brat Sale was we cleared \$404.00.



Profit:  
June was \$276.51  
July was \$183.77

## September 2010 Liturgical Schedule Year C

	<b>Sep 5</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 18 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sep 12</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 19 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sep 19</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 20 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sep 26</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 21 9:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jim Merrill, Sr	Deb Jenson	Jody Langfeldt	Sean Merrill
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Zamzow Barb Conley	Phyllis Ecklor Peg Rhode	Marsha Horne Sue Hilbert	Betsy Lampert
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Deb Jenson	Jody Langfeldt	Joann Ellis	Fred Ellis
<b>Intercessor</b>	Sue Hilbert	MaryAnn Kenitz	Cori Drexler	Jody Langfeldt
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Hilbert <a href="#">Jeremiah 18:1-11</a> <a href="#">Psalm 139:1-5, 13-18</a> <i>or</i> <a href="#">Deuteronomy 30:15-20</a> <a href="#">Psalm 1</a> <a href="#">Philemon 1-21</a> <a href="#">Luke 14:25-33</a>	Fred Ellis <a href="#">Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</a> <a href="#">Psalm 14</a> <i>or</i> <a href="#">Exodus 32:7-14</a> <a href="#">Psalm 51:1-11</a> <a href="#">1 Timothy 1:12-17</a> <a href="#">Luke 15:1-10</a>	Sue Hilbert <a href="#">Jeremiah 8:18-9:1</a> <a href="#">Psalm 79:1-9</a> <i>or</i> <a href="#">Amos 8:4-7</a> <a href="#">Psalm 113</a> <a href="#">1 Timothy 2:1-7</a> <a href="#">Luke 16:1-13</a>	Dave Drexler <a href="#">Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15</a> <a href="#">Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16</a> <i>or</i> <a href="#">Amos 6:1a, 4-7</a> <a href="#">Psalm 146</a> <a href="#">1 Timothy 6:6-19</a> <a href="#">Luke 16:19-31</a>
<b>Ushers</b>	Fred & Phyllis Ecklor	Robert & Marsha Horne	Dave & Connie Stelsel	Deb Jenson & Vanda Wiegert



### September Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup> Breanne Van Loo	18 <sup>th</sup> Michael Jenson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fred Ellis	20 <sup>th</sup> Carter Beaudry
10 <sup>th</sup> Samuel Pinkowski	21 <sup>st</sup> Stephanie Moore
11 <sup>th</sup> Dan Masse	22 <sup>nd</sup> Kathy Wajerski
13 <sup>th</sup> Margo Platz	24 <sup>th</sup> Robin Peters
17 <sup>th</sup> Jean Neste	25 <sup>th</sup> Michael Thompson

### September Baptismal Anniversaries

1 <sup>st</sup> The Reverend Mary J. Mail	13 <sup>th</sup> Fred Ellis
6 <sup>th</sup> Kristin Sheppard	14 <sup>th</sup> Carter Scott Wampole Merwin
7 <sup>th</sup> Aaron Riley Polensky	17 <sup>th</sup> Jean Stelsel
13 <sup>th</sup> Bruce Elbert	21 <sup>st</sup> Gayle Elbert

### September Wedding Anniversaries

3 <sup>rd</sup> Jerry & Marie Frank (50 <sup>th</sup> )	7 <sup>th</sup> Ricky & Joni Nehls Polensky
5 <sup>th</sup> Fred & Phyllis Ecklor	16 <sup>th</sup> Steve & Jody Langfeldt
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jim & Bette Mertens	

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DATE	Oct 3 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22 9:00 a.m.	Oct 10 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23 9:00 a.m.	Oct 17 21 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24 9:00 a.m.	Oct 24 22 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25 9:00 a.m.	Oct 31 23 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 26 9:00 a.m.
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Zamzow & Barb Conley	Phyllis Ecklor & Peg Rhode	Marsha Horne & Sue Hillbert	Betsy Lampert	Jody Langfeldt
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Jody Landgeldt	Deb Jenson	Joann Ellis	Jerry Frank	Jim Mertens
<b>Intercessor</b>	Bob Zamzow	Ken Peters	Connie Stelsel	Joann Ellis	Fred Ellis
<b>Reader</b>	Deb Jenson <a href="#">Lamentations 1:1-6</a> <a href="#">Lamentations 3:19-26</a> or <a href="#">Psalm 137</a> or <a href="#">Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4</a> <a href="#">Psalm 37:1-10</a> <a href="#">2 Timothy 1:1-14</a> <a href="#">Luke 17:5-10</a>	Maryann Kenitz <a href="#">Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</a> <a href="#">Psalm 66:1-12</a> or <a href="#">2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c</a> <a href="#">Psalm 111</a> <a href="#">2 Timothy 2:8-15</a> <a href="#">Luke 17:11-19</a>	Jody Langfeldt <a href="#">Jeremiah 31:27-34</a> <a href="#">Psalm 119:97-104</a> or <a href="#">Genesis 32:22-31</a> <a href="#">Psalm 121</a> <a href="#">2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</a> <a href="#">Luke 18:1-8</a>	Barb Conley <a href="#">Joel 2:23-32</a> <a href="#">Psalm 65</a> or <a href="#">Sirach 35:12-17</a> or <a href="#">Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</a> <a href="#">Psalm 84:1-6</a> <a href="#">2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</a> <a href="#">Luke 18:9-14</a>	Joann Ellis <a href="#">Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</a> <a href="#">Psalm 119:137-144</a> or <a href="#">Isaiah 1:10-18</a> <a href="#">Psalm 32:1-8</a>  <a href="#">2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</a> <a href="#">Luke 19:1-10</a>
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### Our Church Building and Grounds ~ The roses and the lilies do need



constant pruning and removal of dead blossoms! Just like the grass, we need to keep them beautiful. Speaking of grass...it is still growing strong, please sign up for a week of mowing. If you don't know what to do, just



ask Bob Horne he can teach you the ropes of **Lawn Mowing 101**. **Just as our hearts need tending, so do our church grounds.** Please consider a lending

**hand or adopting a section of plants to keep weed free and make the landscaping beautify our grounds.**

**New Lawn Mower!** At the August 25, 2010 meeting the Vestry okayed the purchase of a new riding lawn mower - - - sorely needed in the opinion of all volunteer yard workers.



Would you like to make a contribution toward this expenditure? All donations cheerfully accepted. Please talk to the Treasurer. Thanks!

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY MINUTES  
July 18, 2010

Members Present: Barb Conley, Deb Jenson, Deb Meinke, Jim Merrill, Linda Zamzow.  
Also Present: Senior Warden Dan Hilbert, Junior Warden Bob Horne, Treasurer Fred Ellis, Rev. Mary Mail. Absent: Libbie Kacuba, Betsy Lampert, Jody Langfeldt, Zach Wajerski.

Senior Warden Dan Hilbert called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

1. Opening Devotional – Deb Meinke shared an excerpt from Day by Day and a reading from Psalm 107. She commented on how powerful listening is in feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 22 and June 27, 2010. Motion made by Deb Meinke, second by Barb Conley, to approve the minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report.

A. Fred Ellis reported. Discussion on rectory proceeds that were invested in the endowment fund. We need to instruct on how the monies will be handled by the fund. Fred will discuss with Kit Marceil and Dave Drexler, and the Vestry will discuss next month after we get more information. Pledges are \$522 ahead for June. Thanks to everybody for keeping their pledges up to date. We have Outreach monies of approximately \$573.00 to distribute. Evangelism/Outreach Committee to designate funds and report back to Vestry. Motion made by Deb Jenson, second by Linda Zamzow, to approve the June Financial Report. Motion Carried.

4. Old Business

A. Scrip Update – June Profit – will be noted at August meeting.

Other Old Business

1. Memorial Book – Keep on agenda.

5. New Business

A. Issues from the Rector

1. Paten Repair – Mary will follow up.

2. Lectionary – It was purchased.

3. Guest Book - Betsy Lampert did the leg work, Mary put the order in. It is now in place.

4. Mary will be on vacation to North Carolina from August 1 until August 14.

5. Mary did a funeral of a friend from Columbus recently. Ken Restall's Memorial Service will be this Thursday evening. A couple are being prepared for a wedding September 25. Summer attendance has been pretty good.

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6. Copy Machine – Getting old and in trouble. We have a five-year contract. Mary asked Jim Merrill to look at the contract and the fax line, which is not working. A few people need to look at this issue and revisit.

7. Zach Wajerski has resigned from the Vestry. He gave a verbal notice to Mary. In addition, he's missed the number of consecutive meetings per our bylaws to accept resignation. Motion made by Linda Zamzow, second by Deb Meinke, to accept his resignation and find someone willing to fill out his term. Dan Hilbert will follow up. Motion Carried.

### B. Jr. Warden's Report

1. Furnace check-up – Bob is working on this.
2. Janitorial Services – We're waiting to hear from Green Valley. Mary telephoned them. There's some phone tag going on. More next month.
3. Bob Horne purchased a charcoal grill and donated it for our brat stands.
4. Linda suggested getting rid of the wood next to the lower level steps. Fred Ellis will remove the wood.

### C. Committee Reports

1. Carpet replacement – Discussion on carpet colors and painting of the sanctuary and narthex area. There was consensus on color choices for the nave, narthex, upper and lower levels. Mary would like to get input from the Altar Guild on the carpet color for the Altar area. Dan will ask Professional for their input on the steps, as well as how long the estimate is good for. Bob Horne will get some estimates on the cost of professional painting. A brief meeting will be held right after church on August 1 to make some decisions on painting.

### D. Other New Business

1. Fundraising – Linda has handed over Brat Stand information to the Fundraising Committee. The next brat stand is August 14.

6. Next Meeting Date – Sunday, August 15, 2010, after the service. Linda Zamzow volunteered to do the devotional.

7. Closing Prayer by Mary Mail.

8. Motion to adjourn by Linda, second by Jim. Meeting Adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Submitted 7-18-10  
Debra Jenson, Clerk

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PARISH MEETING  
July 18, 2010 (Special Meeting Regarding Church Carpeting)**

Senior Warden Dan Hilbert called the special meeting to order at 10:25 a.m., following the service.

Dan Hilbert explained the carpet bids. The best bid came in at \$17,157.00 to have new carpet throughout the entire building. It will be our responsibility to remove and replace the pews for the carpet to be laid. Dan asked for input on the samples that have been on display the past few weeks. All in agreement to leave color choice to the Vestry. The consensus was to have the whole church re-carpeted, rather than doing it piecemeal.

Kit Marceil commented on the need for the registers and walls in the sanctuary to be repainted. Vestry will consider painting before laying new carpet. Dan will check with Professional Floor Covering on how long they will honor their bid.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted 7-18-10  
Debra Jenson, Clerk

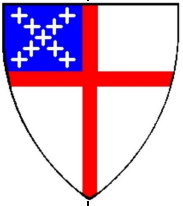
**Pennies for Haiti**



We recently had an ingathering of pennies for the Haiti project. We had a total of \$51.62 and Rev. Mary added another \$50.00 from her Discretionary Fund, so we were able to send \$101.62 to the children of Haiti. Just an update on how those pennies will be used. Formerly the pennies were used to support the children's school lunches in Jeanette. We have changed our focus from the school lunch program to chewable vitamins. The Episcopal Church of Haiti along with the Catholic Relief Services Group for the Poor based out of Florida, have joined forces to feed the children lunch programs in Jeanette. We (St. Mark's) in turn have switched our program to chewable vitamins for those children so they will be able to eat and stay healthy. ~ Linda Zamzow and Janice Byrd

**Another Episcopal Haiku**

Only life prepares  
Sunday School teachers for the  
Daunting task ahead



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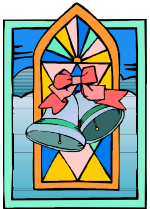
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