

SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL

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# MONTHLY CONNECTOR

## October begins Our Annual Giving Campaign! Mike Shepherd, Vestry - Stewardship Chair

Our new program year gives us opportunities to connect with each other and the community outside our doors, lifted by three themes: Hope, Unity and Reconciliation.

We're planting seeds of hope, living out our faith with confidence in God's promises. This expression of hope is particularly energizing as we look to the months ahead when Saint Mark's plans to call a new Dean.

We're forging new expressions of unity, celebrating our traditions while openly and honestly assessing our future needs.

We're doing important work of reconciliation, seeking understanding where there has been division, and letting worship lead us to acts of justice, mercy, and love. As we heard from Reverend Canon Robert Two Bulls in the first presentation of our Voices of Reconciliation series, this work starts in the heart.

Our path forward promises to be spiritually rewarding and transformative. To realize all we can do together, we need you!

Early this month, you'll receive detailed information in the mail about our 2026 Annual Giving Campaign. In that mailing, you'll find a pledge card, as well as information about our new online giving system for those who prefer to give electronically. You'll see information about our specific revenue goals for the year ahead, and guidance for how you can help us achieve our goal. To help us complete our year-end budgeting work as we look to the year ahead, please plan to make your pledge no later than Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our Annual Giving Campaign is just one part of the course we're charting for our Cathedral. That course will rely on what we can all give financially and, just as importantly, what we can give with our energy, time, focus, and shared commitment. I hope you'll agree with me that our 2026 pledges aren't the commitment itself, but an expression of our hope, our renewed expression of unity, and our reconciliation of past seasons with the wonderful season we're stepping into together now.

We'll provide updates about the campaign each week this month in our online Monday Connector. If you have questions about our stewardship goals for 2026, or how to make your pledge for the coming year, please email us at [mypledge@ourcathedral.org](mailto:mypledge@ourcathedral.org).

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and your support of this faith community!



## Welcome

Welcome to Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today.

If you are new, please fill out our Connect cards that are in the pews. Or scan this QR Code to fill it out electronically. The email you provide will add you to the e-news list to help you connect in this community.



## Every Sunday

**Nursery.** Available from 10 am – 12 pm, the nursery is located next to the library on the second floor of the building. This space is best suited for children between 6 months and 6 years.

**Family Space.** In the front of the Nave, near the Lectern which is on the left side as you face the altar, is a soft and accessible area for families with children. There are soft toys available, and it is a great place for children to be able to observe the actions of the service.

**Docent Tours.** Every Sunday, there is a docent-led tour of the Nave after the 10:30 service. To learn about the history and art of this cathedral, meet the leader under the Pulpit, which is where the Homily/sermon is offered.

**Fellowship.** Every Sunday, after both morning services, coffee and treats are offered in the Community Room, on the first floor. Lively conversation is always included with fellowship.

**Restrooms.** In the Art Gallery hallway is an accessible space available for everyone. Additional restrooms are in the library hallway, as well as down the stairs from the Narthex at the back of the worship space.

**Hearing Assist.** Our sound system is compatible with T-coil hearing aids. Hearing assist devices are at each door; ask an usher for assistance. Users of hearing aids need only touch the "telephone" setting on their hearing aid to clearly hear the spoken word.

**Ways to Give.** As an expression of gratitude for God's generosity, please consider a financial gift today and place it in the offering plate. Or scan this QR code and follow the prompts for a one-time or ongoing financial gift. We are greatly appreciative of your generosity.



**Adult Forum.** Offered on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month, expect to hear updates from the Vestry, the elected leadership. Forum topics will include Finance, Stewardship, Dean Search, and Administration. This is from 9:30 – 10:15 in the Banquet Room on the first floor.

# The Provost's Perspective

Rev. Timothy Kingsley, Cathedral Provost



Beloved in Christ,

Scripture reminds us again and again that giving is at the very heart of our faith. The Apostle Paul writes, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). From the widow who gave her two small coins in the temple (Mark 12:41–44), to the early church that held all things in common (Acts 2:44–47), the story of God's people is the story of generosity, trust, and deep commitment.

In every season of life, we are called to give—our time, our prayers, our resources—so that God's work might flourish. Yet there are particular times when the call is urgent and unmistakable. This is such a time for us at the Cathedral.

The Cathedral is more than a building of stone and glass; it is a beacon of hope rising from the heart of the city, a place where prayer and praise are lifted daily, where the hungry are fed, the lost are welcomed, the grieving are comforted, and the whole community is reminded of God's boundless love. In our Episcopal tradition, the Cathedral embodies the theology of presence: standing as a house of prayer for all people, proclaiming through its very being that God's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it (John 1:5).

But a beacon only shines when it is fueled. The light of this Cathedral—its ministries, its music, its witness in our city, our state, and indeed our nation—depends upon the giving of God's people. Each of you is a vital flame in this lamp of hope. Your gifts, great or small, sustain not just a building but a living testimony to Christ's love.

So I call upon you now: let your giving be deep, sacrificial, and joyful. Not because the Cathedral "needs money," but because the Church exists to reflect the radiance of God's generosity. Your gift becomes part of that radiance, joining with others to shine light into a weary world.

Beloved friends, you are the bright lights that make this Cathedral glow. Together, in faith and in hope, let us give generously so that this holy place may continue to stand as a beacon for generations yet to come.

In Christ's love,

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# Voices of Reconciliation Speaker Series

Wednesday October 22, 7:00 pm



At the heart of the Gospel is reconciliation. Jesus' example of being with those in need of loving attention and full acceptance calls us to follow his lead in paying attention: to unreconciled parts of ourselves, to fissures in our families and local communities, to doing our part, with God's grace, to speak up for peace in our world and care for our planet.

Join us on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm, at Saint Mark's Cathedral for a conversation between the **Rev. Jeckonia Okoth**, Missioner for Multicultural Ministries for the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, and Dr. Andrew (Andy) Stewart, Theologian in Residence at Saint Mark's. Jeckonia, a native of Kenya, works with the many Episcopal communities in Minnesota whose root cultures are non-European. He also leads an initiative to create spaces in which spiritual seekers can explore the resources and practices of the Christian tradition. The evening promises to be a lively conversation about the present realities and possible future shape of the church.

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## Wells Sunday - The Wells Foundation Banquet Room

Sunday October 12, 9:30 am

This non-profit foundation has been around since the 1920s but its mission began in the 1880's, with Episcopalians Rev. Thomas Wells and wife Annie. The mission has been to help and teach our neighbors, through new skills or opportunities in order to have lasting change in our community.

We will celebrate The Wells Foundation along with two of our 2024 Grantees - Groveland Foodshelf and The Lift Garage - on Sunday Oct 12th at 9:30 a.m. Hear from the two grantees and the Wells Board about how we impact the community today. Bountiful refreshments will be available throughout the morning.



# This Fall marks the return of Small Groups to St Mark's

## Connecting+Understanding+Being Understood

The Cathedral has a rich history of nurturing and building communities within the community. Countless stories of deep connections and lasting friendships trace their roots to participation in small groups, of all sorts. The very nature of God is relational, and we bear that imprint—drawing us to God's self, and to each other. Unfortunately, the current moment threatens to tear us apart at the seams, leaving brokenness and isolation in its wake. Ironically, with so many ways to communicate, our ability to communicate effectively has plummeted. But we are not without hope. The abundant love and grace of God that never runs dry is ours to receive, and to give. And it is in small groups where the magic happens. The focus of our groups this Fall will be on understanding ourselves—our feelings, beliefs, and the language we use, in the context of listening to each other.

The importance of this can't be overstated. Throughout the teachings and ministry of Jesus, we read story after story of what happens when people are seen and heard, when they learn to trust and depend on each other. The group discussion and questions will invite us to hear our stories and see connections in new ways. God's desire is for us to deepen and grow in our relationship with God, and each other. Blessings!

Please select a group, based on information below. Send an email to [smallgroups@ourcathedral.org](mailto:smallgroups@ourcathedral.org) indicating the Group # you would like to join. Groups are no longer available, after the start date. You will hear further information from the designated group leader.

Group 1. Cancelled.

Group 2. Start date = Oct 1. Wednesdays, 6:30 pm. Saint Mark's

Group 3. Start date = Oct 6. Mondays, 12:00 pm. Online via Zoom

Group 4. Start date = Oct 13. Mondays, 7:00 pm. Online via Zoom

Group 5. Start date = Oct 16. Thursdays, 10:30 am. Saint Mark's

Group 6. Start date = Oct 17. Fridays, 12:00 pm. Downtown Mpls @ Brit's Pub

Group 7. Start date = Oct 21. Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. Online via Zoom

Choral Society will begin rehearsals for the Fall 2025 season on Sep 22, 2025, 7 - 8:30 pm, in the Whipple Chapel. We will perform a traditional British Christmas concert on December 20, with Brother Heinrich's Christmas by Rutter, selections from Handel's Messiah, and Christmas carols. No audition necessary, you should just be able to read music.

Contact Ray Johnston ([rayj@ourcathedral.org](mailto:rayj@ourcathedral.org)) or Tracey Majoros ([traceyamajoros@gmail.com](mailto:traceyamajoros@gmail.com)) with questions.

## Choral Society Fall 2025



## Children's Worship Returns

Beginning September 21, Children's Worship will resume during the 10:30 service. This worship time is planned for children ages 3 – 6 years with a little "wiggle room" on either side of the age range. It begins during the Gradual Hymn with gathering at the seal in the Nave and a procession to the Library. Children will return during the exchange of the Peace. Parents are invited to attend if desired!



## Sunday Nursery is open

This year, our nursery will be available from 10 am to Noon, and is located next to the Library. The most appropriate age for the nursery is between 6 months and 6 years, but we know that sometimes there will be exceptions.

Want to volunteer to support this team? Any questions about Nursery? Please contact Kimberley Johnson at [kimberleydarnalljohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberleydarnalljohnson@hotmail.com)

## Middle Grades Program

Middle Grade youth, approximately 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades, will meet on Sunday mornings beginning October 12th in the Youth Connections room, located at the top of the stairs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. This class begins around 9:30 am, continuing to about 10:15 am. The assigned lectionary readings will be used for conversation, with Brian Myers as lead coordinator. Working with high school-aged mentors, he intends to help the middle grade children begin exploring what their own personal faith is, and to have some fun! Brian has led Christian Formation for Youth for more than a decade both at Saint Mark's and at his former parish. He may be reached at [bmyers@ameritech.net](mailto:bmyers@ameritech.net)

## Sunday Adult Forums and Fellowship

This program year, 2025-2026, will include Adult Forums 2 or 3 times per month, from 9:30 - 10:15 am in the Banquet Room. Mark your calendars beginning September 28, with Vestry updates on the 1st and 4th Sunday. Those updates may include Finance, Stewardship, Governance, and the Search Committee.

The 3rd Sunday of each month will be reserved for hospitality and fellowship, in between and after morning services in the Community Room! While the Forums will be time to learn about the work of our Cathedral, the Fellowship Sunday will be time to connect with each other. As is our practice, coffee and treats will continue to be available each Sunday in the Community Room.

# Fresh Start at Great River Landing

"Fresh Start" at Great River Landing  
October Update

For those released from prison, the most common housing is outside, an encampment, or back to addicted friends' spaces. For 72 men, housing at Great River Landing instead offers a new lease on life.

To date, Saint Mark's has provided Great River Landing with a new library and computer, and on Ministry Sunday, more than 100 white t-shirts were donated on Ministry Sunday. Thank you!



Great River Landing

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, our "Fresh Start" group, comprised of volunteers from Saint Mark's and elsewhere, meets at Great River Landing for lunch and a program. Last month, we watched *The Quilters*, a documentary showcasing how restorative justice can provide inmates with purpose, creative outlets, and ways to give back to the community.

The next meeting is on October 28, Noon - 1:30 pm, where GRL tenant Robert will share his story of being imprisoned over the last 20 years. Please join us, and for planning purposes, let us know you are coming by emailing Linda Brandt at [Brandt.linda@gmail.com](mailto:Brandt.linda@gmail.com).

Great River Landing  
813 North 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401  
Parking available in the garage

## Saturday

5:30 p.m. Santa Misa en Español (Worship Service in Spanish)

## Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Traditional Language)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Contemporary Language)

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong (September through May)

## Wednesday

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Thursday

9 a.m. Contemplative Prayer

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# Dean Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has been meeting since May and is diligently following the pictured path to select our new Dean.

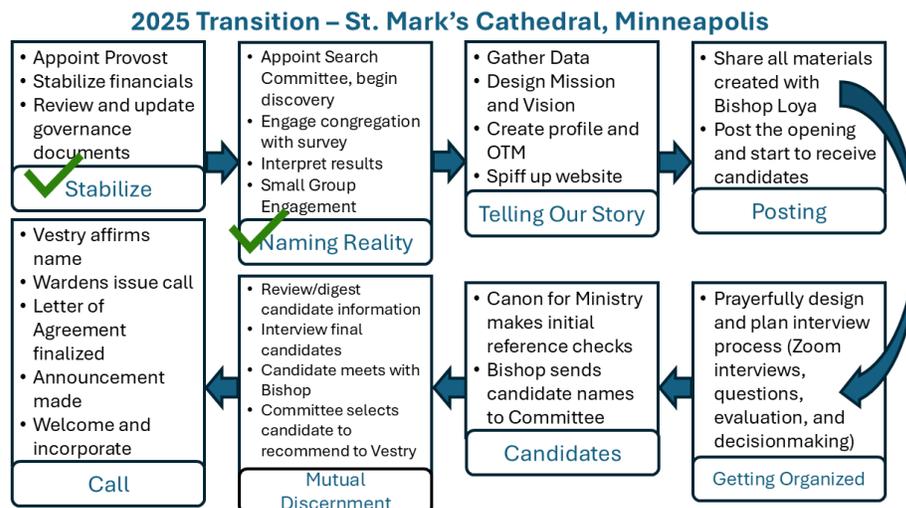
## Current Phase: Telling Our Story

Our Committee has been working to complete a document called the Ministry Portfolio, which will be made available to prospective Dean candidates. The Portfolio offers short answers to topics such as how we address change in the church, new ministries, and our involvement in the community beyond the Cathedral. We're working on the final draft of that document, which, when complete, will be submitted to the Office of Transitional Ministry for the Episcopal Church.

We have also started work on the Cathedral's Profile, which is a short summary of who we are as a faith community. The Profile will include links to additional information from our website as well as local and area information to show how we fit into the communities we serve. That document will be posted on the website when complete.

With leadership of Communications volunteers, updates are also being made to our website so we will put our "best foot forward" for candidates who will be looking at our profile document and searching for us. Continue watching our website for additional updates on our committee's process.

Next Steps – once the materials and website are completed, we will begin advertising the position and gathering applications (Posting step).



Sunday: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm  
Monday: By appointment  
Tuesday: By appointment  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thursday: By appointment  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**



## VISIT THE BOOK SHOP

The Cathedral Book Shop at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral carries: Bibles, BCPs, daily meditations, spirituality, children's books, fiction, calendars, cards, gifts and jewelry.

Hours:

Sundays: 9:30am - 1:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday by Appointment

Wednesdays 10:00am - 2:00pm

or online at: <https://bookshop.org/shop/SaintMarksCathedralMpls>

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## GATHERING GROUPS

As a way to connect and to grow as disciples of Jesus, Saint Mark's has a variety of groups based on interest, affinity, or time.

**Women's group:** Second Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm, in the Library. (except October, which will be October 2)

**Men's Ministry:** Fourth Saturday of the month, 9:00 am, in the Library.

**Knitting Ministry,** First and third Tuesday of the month from 10:30am

**Gospel Based Discipleship,** Fridays, 12:15pm, online via Zoom



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St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis, is excited to introduce SMEC Talks—a new online series coming later in October, offering inspiring and thought-provoking content for our Cathedral family and beyond.

Rooted in the rich tradition of St. Mark's, SMEC Talks bring together voices from our community to explore:

*Spiritual Growth* – deepening faith and prayer life in a changing world

*Educational Insights* – learning from scripture, tradition, and contemporary issues

*Mission in Action* – stories of service, justice, and outreach

*Community Connection* – sharing experiences that build belonging and hope

Accessible anywhere, SMEC Talks is designed to equip and encourage all who seek a deeper connection with God, one another, and the world. 📺 Join us online as we create a space where faith and everyday life meet—where conversation sparks transformation, and community is strengthened.

# MINISTRY FAIR

September 21st was the return of the "Ministry Fair", and it was a success, with the Community room full of people and energy. Ministry leaders and teams came to give information about their ministries and share their experiences.

The ministries were grouped around Gather, Transform, Send and included groups such as Climate Justice, Groveland Food Shelf, Men's Ministry, the Pollinator Garden, Ushers and Greeters. We also highlighted five ministries that are new or changed for the Fall: Small Groups: Claiming Everyday faith together, Voices of Reconciliation Speaker Series, Braver Angels, Great River Landing: Fresh Start, and Preparation for baptism/confirmation/membership.

Fun facts:

- There were 27 ministries and programs represented at the fair
- We had over 50 people come to the event between services and even more after the late service.
- Of five ministries that had higher signups (knitting, lectors, acolytes, archives, and women's group), four brought props or sign boards

We are grateful to all who showed up in whatever capacity they were able and are looking forward to seeing the fruits in the year to come.

If you weren't able to make it to the fair and are interested in learning more about an ongoing ministry, or the possibility of starting a new one, please reach out to Mary Lusk or Brandon Lorge and we will put you in touch with the right people.



## FIRST NATIONS KITCHEN

Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>

When the Rev. Bob TwoBulls recently preached at St. Mark's, he mentioned that the lines of people waiting outside of First Nations Kitchen are getting longer. The need is great—to fulfill our commitment from the St. Mark's community, volunteers can still step up. Many thanks to those that have signed up, including recent members and visitors to St. Mark's. Thanks be to God!

9-11:30 am Cooking. Only 1 more volunteer is needed to assist the lead cook to prepare the hot entrée.

12:30-3 pm Prep/Setup. 7 more volunteers needed. To-Go meals are dished out and put into containers and fresh produce is sorted and put into bags. Cleanup includes cleaning & wiping down tables, sweeping/mopping floors. Suitable for elementary-aged children to participate.

3:30-5:30 pm Give Away. Only 3 more volunteers needed. Distribution of food is between 4-5pm. Volunteers are bag runners, greeters, and beverage host.

Location: All Saints Episcopal Church, 3044 Longfellow Ave., Minneapolis.  
(1 block South of Lake Street; 1 block East of Cedar Ave.)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848AFAA28A3F49-54733404-october>  
Saint Mark's contact: [betsylee108@gmail.com](mailto:betsylee108@gmail.com)

# SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER

St. Mark's has been teaming up with First Unitarian Society, Plymouth Congregational Church, and Temple Israel to serve a meal to our neighbors in need on the second Sunday of each month. This collaboration allows us to continue this vital ministry in a financially sustainable way, while building community with other congregations. Many thanks to St. Mark's incredible volunteers and our volunteer friends in other congregations for their dedicated work. Here's a glimpse of our ministry shared by our ministry partner Dave Leussler, who runs the First Unitarian Society Kitchen Ministry. Please join us for our next meal in October if you'd like to be a part of it!

"A hot, humid day, but lots of comfort inside Plymouth Church at Nicollet and Franklin yesterday.

About 50 people were waiting for us to open and another 30 throughout the evening made 80 friends and neighbors for the day. We'd planned chicken with stuffing, Moroccan Stew and Garbanzo Salad Sandwich Box Lunches to cover 100 guests and 200 meals so we had plenty to go around. Most people had plates piled high and something to go.

A huge amount of strawberries inspired Dara to put together a giant, beautiful bowl of Trifle (not to be trifled with.) A gallon of chocolate pudding, whipped cream, Croissants and strawberries with extra whipped cream on the side. Lovely. Folks also had the option of our regular Banana Streusel Cake bringing past months banana mashing efforts full circle. (Yes, we have some/many bananas.) Five bags of cleaned and sorted strawberries are now frozen and ready for future meals thanks to multiple hands, and many minutes of work."

With around 15 people setting tables, serving food, washing dishes, there were also several at the personal care table. There is a role for everyone!

Our next meal will take place on Sunday, October 12 with shifts from 1-4pm (cooking), 4-6pm (setup/serving), and 5-7pm (serving/cleanup). Please join us at Plymouth Congregational Church for any shift if you're interested, or reach out to Drisana Iverson ([drisana.mosaphir@gmail.com](mailto:drisana.mosaphir@gmail.com)) or Ian Iverson ([iantoddiverson@gmail.com](mailto:iantoddiverson@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## Fall dates for Sunday Night Supper

Sunday October 12, November 9, December 14



# OCTOBER 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, Oct. 12, 9:30 am. Wells Sunday, Banquet Room

Sunday, Oct. 12, 11:45 am. Newcomers' Gathering, Heritage Room

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:30 pm. Music Series Vocal Recital.

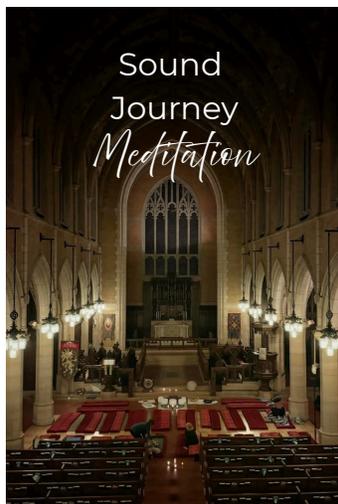
Sunday, October 12, 4:00 pm. Sunday Night Supper, Plymouth Congregational Church

Sunday, October 19, First Nations Kitchen (information on previous pages)

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:00 pm. Voices of Reconciliation, with The Rev. Jeckonia Okoth and Dr. Andrew Stewart, Nave

Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:00 pm. Sound Journey Meditation. Registration Required.

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2:30 pm. Music Series Piano Recital.



Saint Mark's Music Series Presents



**VOCAL RECITAL:  
MARK BILLY**

Mark Billy, leading Indigenous baritone of his generation will return as recitalist in Saint Mark's Music Series. He will perform an array of music for solo baritone and other instruments, some of which will highlight music of living Indigenous composers.  
Accompanist - Raymond Johnston

FREE ADMISSION

OCT 12 | 2:30 PM



Saint Mark's Music Series Presents

**PIANO RECITAL  
FEATURING ELIZABETH WOLFF**

Pianist ELIZABETH WOLFF has developed a large following both as a chamber musician and as a soloist.

OCT 26 | 2:30 PM  
FREE ADMISSION



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