

# St. Mark's Annual Report

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The Lord in my shepherd, I shall not want. - Psalm 23:1



Dear Friends,

No one can see what the future holds, but as Lou Holtz of Notre Dame Football said, "I know Who holds the future!"

No one could have imagined at the beginning of 2020 what the future held. For the first time in our history of more than 150 years, we were not able to gather for Easter. That fact alone suggests this has been a year like no other. And yet...the Lord's work continues in our midst. Just last week a dad came into the narthex entry of the church and told me with tears in his eyes that his grown daughter is cancer free. He has been bringing her home communion, just as so many of you have been receiving in this extraordinary time. Another woman left me a message today that when she went to the eye specialist, there was no sign of significant problem (possible retina detachment) that she had been sent there for.

I don't know what the future holds for you and me ... but I do know Who holds the future. As you take note of the facts and figures in this annual report, I expect you'll recognize God's grace poured out upon His people and passed on through us to those in need in the Fox Valley and around the world.

God is Good! All of the Time!

Father Wlark

#### Who We Are

We are a Christian community that worships God in the Anglican tradition, engages the historic teaching of the church, and participates in Christ's mission.

#### 2020 Highlights from Eucharistic Services

- Government of Illinois prohibited in-person worship from March 21 through June 21
- Video livestream and prerecorded services allowed for Spiritual Communion along with Curbside and Home Delivery
- Video Highlights: Maundy Thursday Footwashing, 900+ views
  Easter, more than 1,000 persons viewing
- Average Curbside and Home Delivery, 75 persons per Sunday
- All services observed Social Distancing, Hand Sanitizing, Masks, and Attendance Limitations set by Fire Marshal

## **2020 Highlights from Cornerstone Groups**

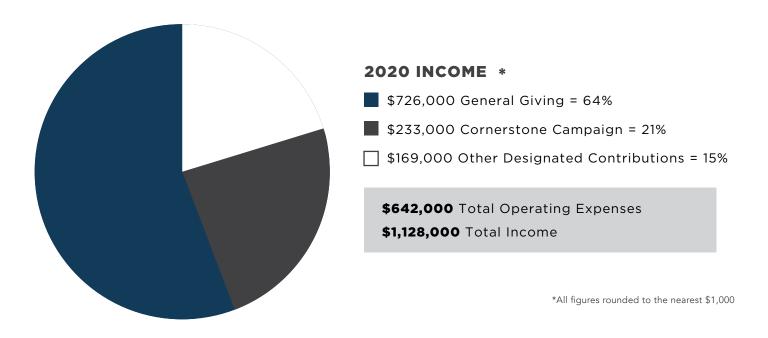
- 20+ Active Groups for all ages this year
- ZOOM meetings held when in-person not possible
- Advent Study (individuals) When the Lord is My Shepherd by David Roseberry
- Many Cornerstone Groups made the love of Jesus credible by serving in the community in His Name

## 2020 Highlights from StM Kids

- Instructed Ash Wednesday Service (held Sunday after Ash Wednesday 2020). Hoping to continue with another Instructed Ash Wednesday this year!
- Even though Covid shut our doors for in-person instruction, we had a successful "Backyard Bible Camp" that over 30 children participated in
- Fall programming returned with a new format which deepens the impact of Biblical instruction and allows for multi-age level worship
- The Christmas Pageant transitioned from live to digital and was well received, with over 500 viewers
- Went online for instruction due to restrictions average of 30 families/individuals viewing online instruction per week

#### **God's Provision for Our Church**

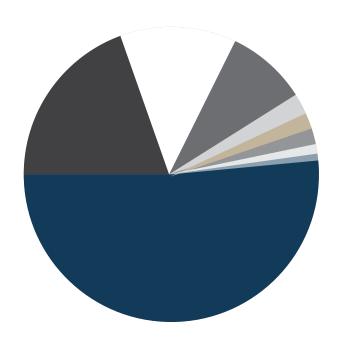
God has blessed St. Mark's with a faithful and generous congregation. Many thanks to all who contribute financially to extend the Gospel ministry of our church in the Tri-City region.





- \$3K Community = <1%
- \$8K Teaching = 1%
- \$31K Mortgage = 5%
- \$32K Administration = 5%
- \$40K Worship = 6%
- \$47K Benefits and Payroll Taxes = 7%
- \$83K Missions = 12%
- \$127K Property = 18%
- \$319K Compensation = 46%

\$690,000 Total Expenditures



For the ongoing and future ministry health of St. Mark's, you are encouraged to take advantage of our online and recurring giving options at <a href="mailto:stmarks-geneva.org/giving">stmarks-geneva.org/giving</a>.





## **Cornerstone Campaign**

Launched in 2018 to celebrate 150 years of onsite worship, your generosity during this past year allowed completion of our new Atrium and restoration of Larrabee House.

■ Pledged: \$987,000

Received to Date: \$892,000

Projected Final Mortgage Payment: \$4,000/Month

## 2020 Highlights from our Local Service Partners

Kane County Young Life has expanded into another high school in the Fox Valley

**Hesed House** continued to house and feed hundreds of individuals and families despite Covid restrictions

**Trinity Soup Kitchen** continued to prepare "meals to go" even though onsite worship and meals were not possible due to Covid

Corbella Clinic continued life-saving ministry for women and their babies in South Elgin

## 2020 Highlights of St. Mark's Global Ministry

- Our generosity supported 8 couples and 2 singles in their work in 9 countries
- \$40,000 given to help establish an endowment for Bishop Todd McGregor's diocese in Madagascar
- Although unable to travel for the Appalachian Service Project, teens and adults maintained their commitment and will travel (conditions permitting) to Kentucky in June 2021 for this important ministry