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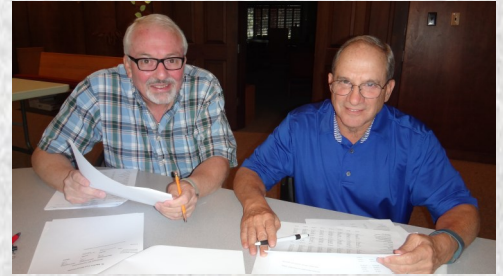
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What's
NEW
at
St. Mark's?



NEW Annual Pledges: Walking the Way

St. Mark's annual giving campaign will culminate with Commitment Sunday on November 9th. On that Sunday, we will all come together for one service at 11:15 a.m., and pledges will be completed and offered as an act of worship. A festive celebration will immediately follow the service: a tailgate party with a "Tailgate Cookout" for the entire family. Come rejoice!



Frank D'Antuono and Benno Scheibner prepare St. Mark's FY2015 budget. Your faithful giving will be used to fund the many ministries of our church.

Welcome to St. Mark's **NEW** Sexton

Father Bert is pleased to announce that **Reuben Luna** has joined the St. Mark's family as our new sexton. Mr. Luna will support the mission of the church by providing for the cleanliness, maintenance, and safety of our church buildings and grounds. Please look for him and extend him a warm welcome.



NEW Ministry: St. Mark's University is Coming!

We don't have a University football team yet, but **Alysoun Marks** is ready with tailgating "football" treats in the picture to the left. Alysoun is spearheading St. Mark's plans to meet its strategic goal of engaging "the community in learning through the St. Mark's University." If you have ideas or can assist with the University's planning, please contact Alysoun.



NEW Chairs Have Arrived

The Vestry approved the purchase of 100 new chairs to be used in the classrooms, the Parish Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Fellowship Room. Junior Warden **Fairis Samuelson** is seen here ready to unpack and distribute new chairs.



A **NEW** Sacristy for the Work of The Altar Guild

A sacristy is a room in a church set apart for the preparation of the Holy Eucharist by The Altar Guild. St. Mark's new, beautiful sacristy has upper and lower cabinets providing storage spaces for all items used in the worship life of the parish. A sink with access to hot and cold water has been installed as well as a piscina for disposal of consecrated water and wine directly into the ground. Shown in the picture above are Altar Guild members **Sally Yates, Dorothy Dawlearn, and Frances Samuelson.**



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St. Mark's **NEW** Ministries Serve People of All Ages

Our **NEW** Senior Ministry Begins

Come get involved in St. Mark's newest Ministry: the Senior Ministry! Feedback in our parish-wide survey led the way to planning new programs to serve seniors within our parish and in the surrounding community. The Senior Buddy Program has already started pairing up a caring St. Mark's parishioner with an elderly person at the Greatwood at Sugar Land Senior Lifestyle Community to nourish friendship and provide compassionate support. Contact Arlene Rivenes or Dorothy Dawlearn for more information. Got ideas? Get involved!



**Arlene Rivenes Helps
Ralph Zerwekh Celebrate
His Birthday**

NEW Children's Chapel Reaches Out

On the first Sunday of each month at the 9:00a.m. service, children ages 4 to 8 are invited to participate in our new Children's Chapel program. During the service, the children and chapel leaders will process from "big church" to a designated space where the children will hear a children's sermon, say a children's creed, and pray their own prayers of the people. The children will return to the sanctuary in time for Communion. We hope your children will join us for chapel!

