

ATTENTION!!!

SUPPORT FOR CONGREGATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL CAUSES is a policy to equitably approve these requests from individuals and groups. This policy is the result of expressed concerns from individuals regarding the number of causes and requests for funds and/or materials in the narthex. The following policy was unanimously approved at the October council meeting.

Please take the time to read it carefully. It will require you to plan your request so that the council will have the time to act before you publicize your cause. You may contact the office regarding information that you will need to provide. Please keep in mind that all requests must be in keeping with our Mission Statement. While we recognize the inherent value of most requests, we are not equipped to approve all of them.

Roberta Dukes, Council President

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Causes Supported by St. Mark's as a Congregation

St. Mark's supports through our stewardship many important causes. Decisions about these contributions are made through the council and the congregation. Through the budgeting process, St. Mark's congregation approves at the Annual Meeting contributions included in the budget. Examples include World Hunger, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, Lutheran Community Services and Habitat for Humanity.

Other congregational giving opportunities are also part of St. Mark's outreach. These may take the form of giving money or items. The garage sale, Strawberry Festival, collection for LIFE, and sales of candy or flowers by the youth are examples. These opportunities are publicized through the LION, tables in the narthex, posters, and announcements at services.

Any new events to be supported by the congregation as a whole must be approved by council before the event is publicized.

Causes Supported by St. Mark's Members as Individuals

Members of St. Mark's live out their lives as Christians through contributions to numerous good causes. As a congregation, St. Mark's must be selective in which of the good causes we will corporately support. As members, however, we can contact our friends within St. Mark's to solicit support for a favorite cause. For example, individuals may wish to order cookies from a Girl Scout in our congregation. This support is solicited from individual to individual but not included in the LION or with tables or posters in the narthex or other means of publicity to the congregation as a whole.